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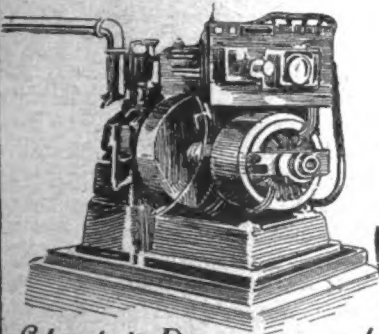
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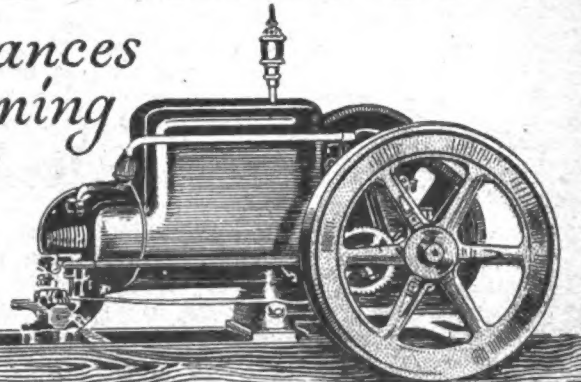
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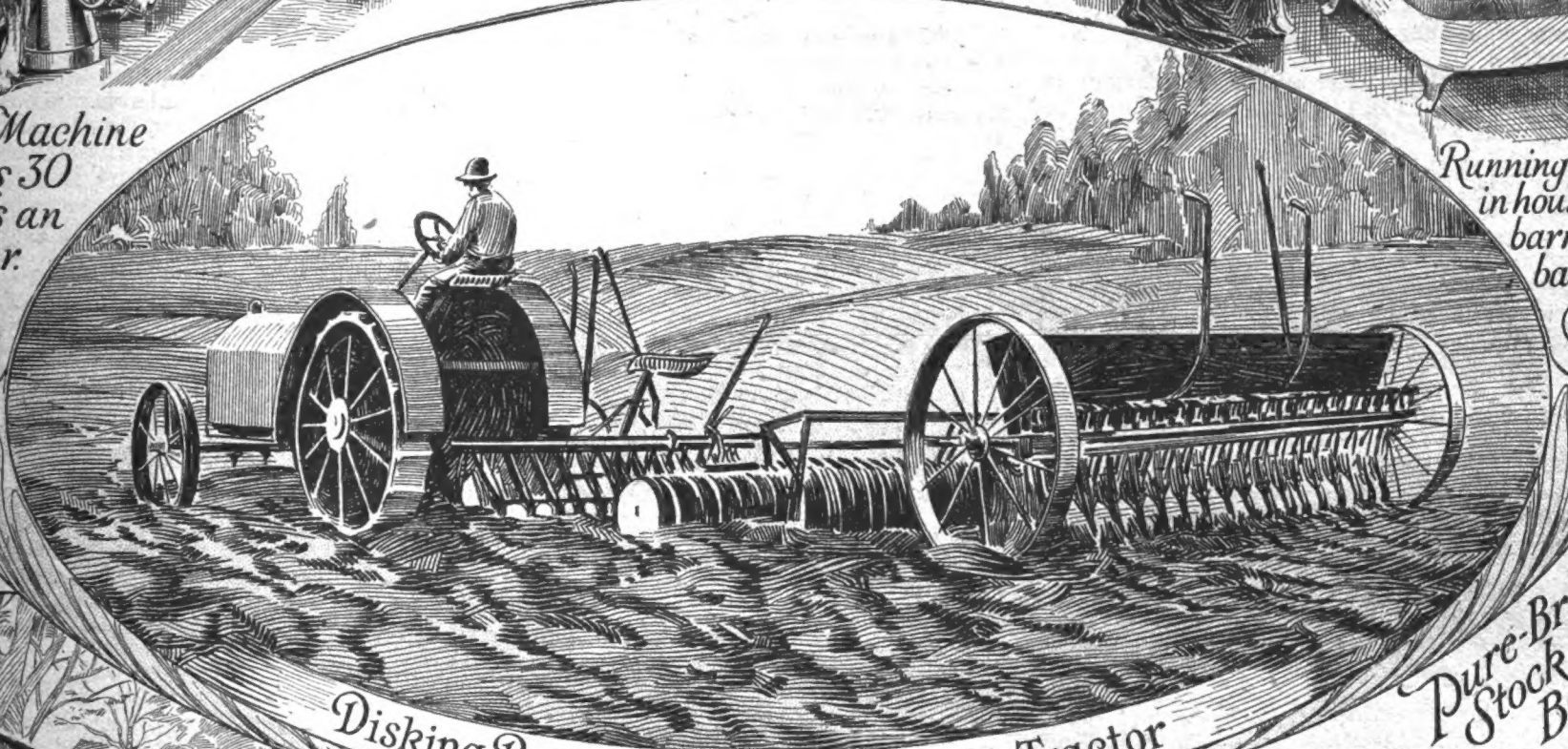
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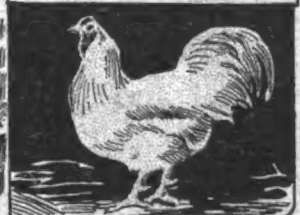
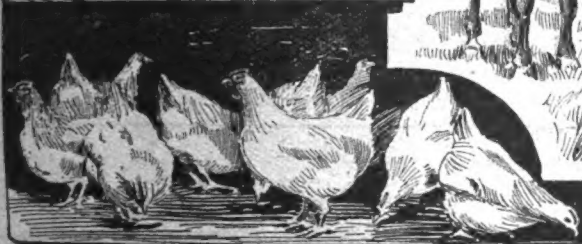
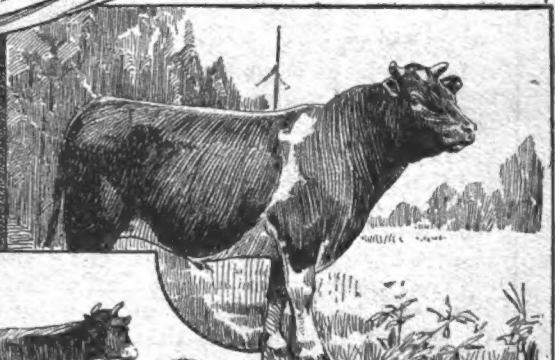
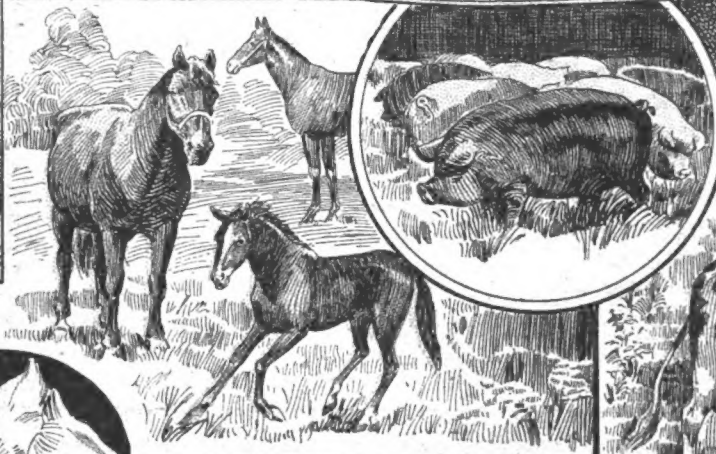


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# COMFORT

## EDITORIAL

THOUGHTS THAT BREATHE AND WORDS THAT BURN

### Don't Miss the First Opportunity to Procure an Ample Stock of Sugar for the Canning Season

OUR readers will remember that in our January editorial we predicted that, because of President Wilson's action last summer and fall in not permitting the U. S. Sugar Equalization Board to buy the Cuban sugar crop, our people would have to pay fifty to seventy-five per cent. more for sugar in 1920 than in 1919 and suffer the inconvenience of a sugar shortage. Thus far our prediction has been more than verified. Not only has sugar been distressingly scarce and dear, but in the Eastern States, at least, a considerable portion of such as was obtainable has been of inferior quality, so that we have paid all sorts of high prices for sugar, good, bad and indifferent, and lucky to get any at that. At times we have had to pay twenty-three cents a pound for sticky, yellow Louisiana sugar or for the coarse, Brazilian product or—go without. Sometimes there was none of any kind to be had.

If sugar, the white granulated American-refined Cuban sugar such as heretofore has been the standard of quality in our market, is to be plentiful at any time this year it is most likely to happen during the spring, as that is the season in which the output of Cuba usually reaches its maximum. Therefore, viewing the present prospect in the light of the past three years' experience of sugar shortage, we advise COMFORT readers to avail themselves of the first opportunity to procure and lay by an abundant store of sugar for canning purposes. Buy when it can be had, and make sure of it even if the price is high, as it is bound to be for reasons which we shall explain. Should sugar, as we hope, happen to be plentiful for a while this spring many will argue that it will soon be cheaper and advise you to wait for the price to drop. Of course the price may drop, though present indications all point to the contrary; and it may go higher. But the important point is the likelihood of a sugar shortage at canning time, so that by waiting you may not be able to obtain any.

In the early summer of 1917 and again in the spring of 1918 the Government promised the housewives a sufficient supply of sugar for canning purposes, but it failed to materialize in either year. Last spring sugar was plentiful and could be bought in any quantity desired for any and all purposes except for export; at that time the Government issued a bulletin urging housewives and wholesale and retail dealers to stock up in anticipation of the needs of the canning season, and explaining that exports, soon to begin, would reduce the surplus stock during the summer. Some were wise enough to act on this advice, but the great majority let it pass unheeded, due in part to the circulation of a false rumor that an effort was being made to unload sugar on the public before a drop in price. The result was that by the time the canning season opened sugar had become very scarce and so it has been ever since. Experience in this case, as usual, has been a hard teacher, but by this time the people should have learned the lesson that, under present conditions, the prudent course is to stock up with sugar whenever it is to be had.

In the summer of 1918 the U. S. Sugar Equalization Board bought up the entire Cuban raw sugar crop at five and a half cents a pound and thereby was enabled to maintain a retail price of ten or eleven cents for refined sugar throughout 1919. Last summer Cuba offered its 1919 crop of raw sugar to our Government at six and a half cents a pound and the Sugar Equalization Board urged President Wilson to authorize its purchase at that price, as the power to do so had been conferred on him by Congress. This offer remained open from July until September 22 without being acted on by Mr. Wilson. Cuba got tired of waiting and, finding she could do better elsewhere, withdrew her offer on the latter date. Europe immediately stepped in as a bidder and secured a part of the Cuban crop; and since then the Cuban producers have been selling at from eight and a half to twelve cents their new-crop raw

sugar, which we might have had at six and a half cents a pound.

Before the Cuban raw reaches the American consumer in the form of refined granulated various elements of cost, such as transportation from Cuba, refining in the United States and distribution, manufacturers', wholesalers' and retailers' profits, have to be added to the Cuban price. But as the price at which Cuba offered her new-crop sugar last summer was only a cent a pound higher than we paid her the year before it seems reasonably clear that if Mr. Wilson had accepted the offer we should now be getting our sugar at the grocer's for about a cent a pound more than we paid last year, and plenty of it at that.

### Temperance Cause Is Suffering from Fanatical Leadership

NATION-WIDE prohibition of the liquor traffic has proved such an inestimable blessing during the short time it has been in force, promises so much for the future welfare of our country, and such a long and hard struggle had to be waged for its adoption, that the utmost care should have been taken by its advocates and supporters to make such reasonable and proper use of the victory as not to weaken, but rather strengthen, public sentiment in favor of the cause. Nevertheless, since the adoption of the prohibitory amendment of the U. S. Constitution the attitude, demands and conduct of the leaders of the movement have been so injudicious, unreasonable and oppressive that they have caused, thus early, a wide-spread revulsion of public opinion and have furnished the liquor interests with ammunition for the troublesome and perhaps dangerous assault now being launched against the enforcement of our national prohibitory law.

Suppression of the evils of intemperance is the only justifiable purpose of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and any such law that is designed to go beyond the accomplishment of this legitimate purpose is, to that extent, an oppressive invasion of natural rights and personal liberty that is sure to arouse public indignation and augment the forces arrayed in favor of the liquor interests. COMFORT is and always has been an aggressive advocate of nationwide prohibition as the most effective means of promoting temperance. Therefore we regret that Congress in legislating for the enforcement of the national prohibitory amendment yielded to the demands of fanatics and imposed on the country a law that oversteps the purposes of temperance, needlessly and oppressively infringes natural rights and personal liberty, and in these objectionable respects is believed to be unconstitutional.

Bear in mind this fundamentally important distinction between the legislative powers of Congress and those of the States. The legislative powers of a State are general and unlimited except so far as restricted by its own Constitution or by the Constitution of the United States; but Congress has such law-making powers only as are conferred by the U. S. Constitution expressly or by necessary implication, so that any act of Congress that exceeds the authority granted by the Constitution is null and void to the extent of such excess. The only power that Congress has to prohibit the liquor traffic in the States in time of peace (its war powers are almost unlimited) is derived from the prohibitory amendment of the Federal Constitution adopted in January, 1919, which reads as follows:

"Section 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

"Section 2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Please note that the prohibitory clause applies only to *intoxicating* liquors for *beverage* purposes, and observe that the legislative power conferred on Congress extends no further than enforcement, which latter means the prescribing of penalties and other suitable measures for preventing violations of the amendment. The Constitution itself, as amended, specifies and defines precisely what is prohibited (*intoxicating* liquors for *beverage* purposes) and does not authorize Congress to extend or otherwise alter the range or subject matter of the prohibition. Despite this limitation Congress has gone far beyond the Constitution, notably by prohibiting the making or sale of any and all beverages containing more than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol regardless of whether they are or are not in fact intoxicating. Congress has no power to specify the percentage of alcohol that a beverage may lawfully contain, for the Constitution prohibits only *intoxicating* liquors and this makes it a question of fact for the court or jury in each case to decide whether or not the particular beverage under investigation is, according to the evidence, actually intoxicating. The judge of the United States Court in Wisconsin so decided on March first in a case involving the legality of the manufacture and sale of two and one-half per cent. beer. He decided as a matter of fact that a beverage containing, as this beer did, only two and one-half per cent. of alcohol is not intoxicating, and that, as a matter of law, the one-half of one per cent. limit fixed by Congress is unconstitutional and void. There is nothing new or startling about this decision as it is based on well-established principles of law frequently enunciated by many other American courts.

By fixing the maximum alcoholic content allowable at one-half of one per cent. Congress and the fanatics who instigated the folly have wrongfully prohibited a large number of harmless, non-intoxicating drinks heretofore in common use and many of them home-made. New cider, grape juice, many other fruit and berry juices and the home-brewed root and ginger beers that so delight the children in summer—all these will in a few hours, by the natural process of fermentation, generate more than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol, and thereby come under the ban, not of the prohibitory amendment, but of the unconstitutional act of Congress. How is the housewife to know when the new cider, grape juice or home-brewed beer has generated an alcoholic content of one-half of one per cent. which is indistinguishable to taste or smell, imperceptible in its effect, and detectable only by a careful chemical analysis?

No wonder the people resent such senseless, useless, purposeless deprivation of their natural rights and personal liberty. But its most unfortunate result is the effect it is having in turning public sentiment against nation-wide prohibition.

As Maine has lived under a prohibitory law for more than sixty years we cite the legislative and judicial policy of our State in dealing with this issue, feeling that it should carry some weight. Our State law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors never specified the percentage of alcohol that should render a beverage unlawful, but the Maine courts long ago decided, on the testimony of experts, that as a matter of fact beverages containing less than three per cent. of alcohol were not intoxicating. The courts of Massachusetts and, as I understand, of some other States having prohibitory or local option laws adopted the same standard, which was so generally recognized that a Massachusetts brewery did a large business in manufacturing a two and three-quarters per cent. beer which sold in Maine and in the no-license towns of Massachusetts under the sanction of the courts as non-

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*"I will read it," she at last said, resolutely.*



*At last, by a dextrous movement she turned the key completely around.*



*She stood up again, gave a light, swift spring and was safely over.*

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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

On a car, going up a steep hill, leading to the Ecological Gardens of Cincinnati, is Violet Draper Huntington. Opposite her sits Wallace Richardson. Nearly at the top of the hill, something beneath the car breaks. Wallace seizes Violet's hands and locking them behind his neck commands her to cling. The car crashes down, burying all the passengers beneath the ruins. They are the only two alive and hurried to Wallace Richardson's home, are cared for by his mother, Mrs. Mencke. Violet's sister provides a nurse and leaves orders for Violet to see no one. The nurse out for a walk, Violet goes to the adjoining room to meet Wallace and thank him for the life saved. As they become more friendly, Wallace realizes his danger and Violet is hopelessly in love. Violet asks Wallace to come with his mother to see her. Mrs. Mencke takes Violet to Saratoga for two months, then to Cincinnati, and home. The following day, picking up a paper, Violet reads of Mrs. Richardson's death. She goes to the Richardson's house and expresses her sympathy to Wallace, who unconsciously calls her my darling, and asks her forgiveness. As she whispers, "I am glad," he knows she is all his own. Returning home, her sister demands where she has been, and learning it was at Mrs. Richardson's funeral, that she rides in the carriage with Wallace and Mrs. Dent. Mrs. Mencke denounces it as questionable and that she must drop him for all time. Wallace, calling upon Violet, Mr. and Mrs. Mencke return and she introduces him and admits he is her promised husband. She overhears Belle's and her husband's scheme to place her in a convent. Mrs. Mencke, proposing a trip to Montreal, Violet refuses to go, and Mrs. Mencke takes Mrs. Hawley, who is to sail for Europe and chaperone Nellie Bailey, into her confidence and requests her to induce Violet to join them. Violet makes ready for the proposed trip and Wallace is at the steamer to say good by. Vane Cameron and Ralph Henderson join Mr. and Mrs. Hawley's party and before the voyage is over Vane Cameron surrenders his heart to Violet. Mrs. Mencke schemes that no letters pass between Violet and Wallace and later, joining the party in Europe, gives her permission for Vane to win Violet. Failing to get Violet's consent, she produces a notice of Wallace Richardson's death, which throws Violet into a severe sickness, leaving her sad and heartbroken. She confesses to Vane her love for Wallace Richardson, her sister's opposition, concealing nothing. Knowing she is unhappy from causes other than Wallace's death, Vane urges her to allow him to give her his name, to shield her from sorrow and care. Violet, afraid to yield, hesitates, but later she consents to what he thinks best, but with many misgivings. Mrs. Mencke, entering Violet's room, finds the bed made and the room in order and no trace discovered of her. Four weeks later, Lord Cameron sees the body of a woman upon the beach clad in dark grey suit with bands of blue silk. Believing it is Violet, he selects a spot near the sea for burial. The next day a stranger appears and requests to meet the woman reported to have married Lord Cameron. Being questioned by the Menckes his right, he produces the marriage certificate and Vane Cameron confirms it by Violet's admission of it to him, the treatment received, her disappearance and later the finding of her body by drowning and the burial. Wallace falls unconscious and Lady Cameron and Vane remain with Wallace through a severe illness, after which he returns to New York, building up a fine business. In the meanwhile, Wilhelm Mencke squanders all at the gaming table and Mrs. Mencke goes to Cincinnati from which place she suddenly disappears. Violet comes to New York, securing a position as governess for Bertha Lawrence, who is partially blind and possessed of a strong will. She wins her affection, Mr. Lawrence treating her as a member of the family, and alone with himself determines to win Violet. Wilhelm Mencke secures Violet's address and learns that Wallace Richardson is in the city. Calling upon him and desiring to raise money, he offers Violet his jewelry for two thousand dollars. Wallace objects. As the husband of Violet, he is the legal heir and will give a sum which may be named as their value and fifty dollars. Jonas Huntington dies, leaving a fortune to his niece, Violet Huntington. She, supposed to be dead the nearest heir is Mrs. Wilhelm Mencke, for whom search is being made. Wilhelm Mencke, to secure this property, schemes to get Violet in his power. He haunts Fifth Avenue and learns of her movements. Bertha Lawrence, meeting with an accident, is lovingly cared for by Violet, until her death, after which she proposes to look for employment. Mr. Lawrence, in his gratitude, desires to adopt her as his daughter and heiress. Violet, going out at dusk, is accosted by Mencke. She steps around the corner of a street, when she is suddenly seized and thrust into a carriage, and carried to a scantily furnished apartment where she is waited upon by a woman who is sworn to guard her. Lord Cameron, still in the city, receives many invitations, and secures favors for Wallace. The first they attend, Lord Cameron meets and is charmed with Alice Humphrey who later promises to be his wife.

## CHAPTER XXX.

### VIOLET MAKES AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

**A** WEEK went by after Violet's capture and Mr. Lawrence, although he made every effort night and day, had not been able to learn anything regarding her mysterious disappearance, neither had the young girl herself succeeded in finding any loophole by which she might hope to effect her escape from the custody of her brother-in-law. She had, however, managed, by her unvarying courtesy and kindness, to win the good-will and sympathy of the woman who waited upon her, although she could not persuade her—notwithstanding she tried every inducement that she could think of—to give her an opportunity to get out of her prison. "I can't let you go, miss," she said, when Violet pleaded with her and tried to explain that she was abetting a great wrong by keeping her thus confined. "I've taken my oath that I would guard you faithfully as long as your brother kept you here, and I can't go back on my word. He said you'd try to wheedle me and tell me all sorts of stories about him, but that was to make me differ; and then I can't afford to lose the pay he gives me."

"What does he pay you?" Violet demanded, eagerly, and thinking that perhaps she might be able to outbid Mr. Mencke.

"I promised I wouldn't tell you that either, miss," Sarah responded; "but it is to be more'n I ever earned in my life before, if I stick to my engagement: if I don't, and you get away from me, I'm not to have anything."

"I do not care how much he has promised you," Violet said, driven to desperation. "I will give you my note—a written agreement—for a hundred dollars more than he is to give you."

The woman flushed, and seemed to be considering the advisability of taking the tempting bait.

Violet gathered courage from her apparent hesitation.

"My friends must be very anxious about me," she continued, "and I am very sure that the gentleman with whom I have been living—I have been a governess in his family—would also give you something handsome. Besides, it is a crime for you to aid Mr. Mencke in keeping me here against my will."

"But he says he has a right to govern you—that he is your guardian," Sarah returned thoughtfully.

"He is not; he, with my sister, was made the guardian of some property which my father left me, and which I was not to come into possession of until I was twenty-one; but he has betrayed his trust—he has squandered everything that I had, and I shall never get anything," Violet explained.

"If that is so, he is a scamp," Sarah said, indignantly; "and if I was sure that your story is true, I'd give up my place and tell him to get somebody else to wait on you; I don't want to get mixed up in any criminal affair."

"Oh, no!" Violet cried, looking frightened, as the woman spoke of resigning her post to another; "if you won't let me go, pray stay with me; you at least are kind to me, and Wilhelm might get some one who would abuse me and whom I should be afraid of."

Sarah was touched with this tribute and Violet's evident liking for her.

"Well, I should hate to leave you, miss, I confess," she said, "for I've never seen any lady, in high life, before, who was so pleasant and sympathetic with poor folks; but I've given my word and I can't go back on it. I don't set up for a saint," she interposed, with a short, bitter laugh. "I'm far from being one, though since you've been here, I've begun to wish I could be a better woman. But I can't go back on my word; besides—a flush mounting to her brow—"he, Mr. Mencke has got a hook on my man, who ain't any better'n he ought to be, and he swears that he will clap him in jail if I turn traitor."

Violet saw that it would be useless to argue the question further with her, and that she not only would not aid her in any attempt to escape, but would resolutely defeat any effort on her part to get away; so nothing remained to her but to try to think of some stratagem by which she might obtain her freedom.

The time hung very heavily on her hands, for she was too unhappy to take any interest in reading, though she was abundantly supplied with books and papers, and she found it very hard to be patient in her trouble.

She knew, of course, that Wilhelm Mencke could not always keep her a prisoner there; that when he should accomplish the purpose—whatever it might be—for which he had brought her there, he would doubtless let her know.

Still, it might be a long time, and she rebelled more and more against her disagreeable situation.

One thing distressed her exceedingly: she felt sure, and indeed Wilhelm had hinted that one of his projects was to get money out of Mr. Lawrence for her release, and she could not endure the thought of being employed as an instrument to "bleed" her kind friend—to use a bit of slang; but, though the early days were mostly spent in deep and perplexing thought, no feasible plan for escape had yet occurred to her.

One morning, nearly a fortnight after her capture, Wilhelm Mencke came into her room, while in his hand he held a large business-looking envelope.

She had not seen much of him thus far, for, as we know, she had frankly told him that she wanted him to keep away; for his presence was disagreeable to her.

She saw at once that he had come with some special object in view, and her curiosity was aroused to know what it might be.

"How do you find yourself, Violet?" he asked, helping himself to a chair, and regarding her searchingly.

"As well as I could expect to be under the circumstances, I suppose," she replied coldly. Then she demanded, spiritedly: "How long do you intend to keep me shut up like this, Wilhelm Mencke? I insist that you tell me. I cannot endure this suspense."

He laughed at her anger.

"You don't find it very agreeable to be caged, do you, my pretty one? And you are looking a

trifle pale from the confinement. What a pity it is that you didn't marry your English earl; then you'd have escaped all this disagreeable experience," he sneered.

Violet did not reply to this taunt, and he resumed, in the same strain:

"I suppose you don't know that his lordship is visiting here just now? Perhaps you'd like to send him word of your uncomfortable predicament, and see if he would come to your rescue."

"Lord Cameron in New York!" Violet exclaimed.

"Yes; but the fact can't benefit you, and your chance of hooking him again, under any circumstances, would be very slim," Mr. Mencke retorted.

"You are very rude, Wilhelm," Violet replied, indignantly, though a flush dyed her cheeks at the coarse insinuation. "I have no desire to marry Lord Cameron or any one else; but I would be glad to undeceive him about that terrible accident at Mentone and let him know that I am still living. I know that he would be glad and would be my friend as of old, for he is a noble man through and through."

"Well, he has managed to console himself for your loss," Mr. Mencke returned, with some asperity, for it angered him to see how little she regretted the position she had forfeited. "for he is going to be married, and right soon, to a New York belle."

"Lord Cameron going to be married!" Violet repeated, surprise and interest in her tones. "To whom?"

"Nobody you know, I'll warrant," said her brother-in-law; "but she belongs to the upper crust of the city."

"But what is her name?" persisted Violet.

"Humphrey—Miss Agnes Humphrey."

"I do know her, and oh, I am so glad!" Violet returned, with a glowing face. "Wilhelm, this is the pleasantest thing you have told me in years. Miss Agnes Humphrey is one of the sweetest girls I have ever seen, and she will make a lovely Lady Cameron. I would give a great deal to be able to congratulate him upon having won her."

"Well, Violet, I must say you are the queerest girl I ever heard of," said her companion, gruffly. "Here you have let such a chance as that slip through your fingers, and now you seem delighted to have another woman walk into your shoes."

An expression of scorn curled the girl's lips. She was disgusted with the coarseness of this man, who could only think of position and pecuniary advantage in connection with marriage, without regard to love or honor. But she made him no answer; she knew that he could not appreciate her motives nor the refined sensitiveness that had made her shrink from marrying Lord Cameron for his wealth, when she had no love to give him.

"Well, all that is past and gone, and Cameron's doings are nothing to us now," the man went on, after a moment. "I came to see you this morning chiefly on business—I have a paper here that I want you to sign."

"You want me to sign a paper? Of what nature?" Violet demanded.

"That doesn't matter. I simply want your signature."

"But you cannot expect me to sign anything blindly," the young girl persisted. "I must know the nature of the document before I put my name to it."

"What has got into you?" Wilhelm Mencke exclaimed, with an oath: "you used to sign these papers readily enough when I wanted to dispose of property for you."

"True, for I believed in you then, Wilhelm. I had confidence in your integrity."

"And you haven't now, I suppose I am to infer from that," he sneered.

"No; how can I when you have so betrayed your trust? But what do you wish to dispose of now? I thought my real estate had all been sold, and that you had used up all money belonging to me," she replied, regarding him suspiciously.

"No; there's something more belonging to you yet, and I only want to turn it into ready money for you," he replied, but shifting uneasily under her searching look.

"Of what does this property consist?" Violet inquired.

"That doesn't matter. You are too young and inexperienced to understand business affairs. Just write your name on this line," he said, unfolding the paper in his hand, and pointing out the line, as he laid it before her, while he also passed her a stylographic pen, "and I will attend to everything else."

He had heard nothing in reply to his advertisements for his wife. They were still running in the papers, and he was doing everything he could think of to find her, for he knew she would be recognized as the nearest of kin to Violet, and it would be an easy matter for her to get possession of the fortune that had recently been left to the girl. But there was a possibility that she would not find Mrs. Mencke at all, and, in view of this he had armed himself with a document giving him the power of

attorney for Violet, and the right to control her property until she reached her majority. With her signature to this, he would, as a last resort, reveal the fact that she was still living, secure the fortune for her, and while he could control it, feather his nest for the future.

Violet looked the paper carefully over, but it was so full of legal technicalities she could not half comprehend it; she only got a vague idea from it that Wilhelm wanted her to give him unlimited power to some property that still belonged to her.

She studied it a while, then dropped into a fit of musing, while he sat watching her, with an eager, cunning look.

She did not believe that there could be much of anything left, for he had once told her that every dollar of her money was gone, and it was a surprise to her to learn that he had overlooked anything—it might, perhaps, be an interest in some house or store, and perhaps she could make a bargain with him for it.

"If I sign this paper will you release me?" she asked at last.

He scowled. Evidently he had not expected such a request.

"Perhaps so. I'll think about it," he replied, evasively.

"Very well; when you have decided, you will please let me know," Violet quietly returned, as she pushed the document toward him.

"I want you to sign it now," he said, angrily.

"I will go with you at once to any lawyer's office, and sign it in his presence, with the understanding that I am free to return to Mr. Lawrence immediately after," Violet calmly answered.

"I suppose you think you are very shrewd in making such a proposition," sneered her companion, "but I am not going to accede to it, and you must sign that paper. I am still your legal guardian, but I cannot negotiate for you without your signature."

"I do not want you to negotiate for me, Wilhelm; if there is any property still belonging to me, it can rest as it is until I am of age to negotiate for myself; and as you refuse to let me go if I sign for you, I may as well try to save what little there is left of what my father willed me."

The young girl spoke composedly and decidedly, but she was terribly disappointed not to gain her point.

Wilhelm Mencke was furiously angry over her obstinacy. He coaxed, begged, and threatened; but all to no purpose—she resolutely refused to comply with his demand.

At last a sudden thought inspired her.

"How does it happen, Wilhelm, that it is necessary for me to sign this paper," she asked, "if everybody believes me to be dead? Why don't you claim this property for yourself, since you and Belle would naturally be my heirs? There is something in all this that I do not understand."

The man flushed hotly. He saw that she suspected double dealing on his part, and he would not, upon any account, have her learn of the fortune that had recently fallen to her. "I can't find Belle," he said, sullenly, "and as long as she lives I cannot touch anything that belongs to you without your signature."

"Well, suppose you get my signature—people will then know that I am living, and you may have some awkward questions to answer as to my whereabouts," Violet suggested, while she watched him closely.

"That would not trouble me," he answered: "I simply want the right to handle this property for you."

"Was that the reason you brought me here?" "It was one reason."

"What was another?" "There is a reward of five thousand dollars offered for intelligence of you," he returned, with a cunning leer.

"Oh, Wilhelm! where is your honor—where is your manhood?" Violet cried, in great distress.

It was terrible to think of Mr. Lawrence becoming a victim to the rapacious cupidity of such a rogue.

"It is a shame to impose upon him in such a way—I will not have it—I will not bear it. Oh, you must let me go," she cried, greatly excited. "I will sign the paper—I will make over the property entirely to you if you will only release me."

"I cannot do that at present; when I decide upon a way to get that five thousand, without any risk of being arrested, you may hope to go back to the rich old codger," the man replied, and evidently enjoying her distress. "Meanwhile," he added, "you'd better be reasonable and do as I want you to."

"Never! I will never sign for you!" Violet exclaimed.

"Then you may have to stay here a good deal longer than you have any idea of. I'll keep you just to punish your obstinacy," her companion returned, with an angry oath. "Your signature may not be so important, after all," he added a moment later. "Since if I can find Belle, or prove that she is dead, I can manage everything very nicely for myself."

He pocketed the document as he concluded, and then abruptly left the room.

Violet was much depressed by this interview, and burst into a flood of tears as soon as he was beyond hearing. It seemed as if there was no possible hope of release for her for a long time to come, while she was impressed that her degraded brother-in-law had some deep scheme for the ruin or robbery of someone in mind.

But she soon dried her tears, reasoning that she would only make herself ill if she gave way thus to grief, and arose to find a book to distract her thoughts.

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**I**F "A little nonsense now and then, is relish'd by the best of men," then, too, must it be relished by the best of women, if we may judge from the ready response to the sister who suggested that each one send in her favorite joke. Some of the more serious minded may object to this deviation from talks on homes, husbands and children, but a hearty laugh makes our work and troubles seem lighter, so send in your best joke—the one that makes you laugh every time you think of it—for the others to enjoy with you. Here are the first ones received.—Ed.

Two farmers met on a narrow country road. Deep snow covered the ground, making turning out a difficult and risky job. One farmer yelled out in a bass voice:

"Say, if you don't turn out I'll do for you what I did for that other fellow."

The other quickly turned out. When past he said: "What did you do to the other fellow?"

"Why, I turned out for him."

LONE SALLY, Attica, Kans.

A negro was burning grass by the roadside when a young fellow approached him, saying:

"Hey, Sambo, are you burning that grass so it will be as black as you are?"

"No, sah," said Sambo, "I'm burning it to keep it from getting as green as you are."

A READER, Hangen, Wis.

Editors have their troubles, too. One of them is bemoaning the loss of two subscribers. One wrote asking how to raise his twins safely, while the other wanted to know how to rid his orchard of grasshoppers. The answers were sent by mail but by accident the editor put them in the wrong envelopes, so that the man with the twins received the answer: "Cover them carefully with straw and set fire to it, and then the little pests, after jumping into the flames for a few minutes, will be speedily settled." And the man with the grasshoppers was told to "Give them castor oil and rub their gums with a bone."

SADIE PRINZ, Luray, Va.

A patron in a restaurant ordered honey. Noticing some hairs in the dish, he called the waiter to remove it and bring a dish of ice cream. Indignantly he summoned the waiter again. There was a hair in the ice cream! "Bring me a dish of apple sauce," he ordered, glaring at the waiter. Dipping his spoon in he found another hair. Thoroughly enraged, he called for the manager. "I ordered honey," he complained, "and it was full of hairs."

"Quite so," gurgled the manager. "It easily happens. Doubtless it came from the comb."

"Oh!" said the astonished customer. "Well, perhaps you can explain why there were hairs in the ice cream?" he questioned sarcastically.

"Certainly," answered the manager. "You see, we shaved the ice this morning. Nothing unusual at all, sir, about a stray hair getting in."

"Is that so," belowned the man. "I want you to know that even the apple sauce had hairs in it. What can you say to that?"

The manager scratched his head and finally chuckled. "Well say, stranger, you've got me there. I don't know how that could have happened. Them apples was all Baldwins."

EDNA STOCKINGER, Batesville, Ind.

A man was holding onto a strap in a crowded street car when it gave a sudden stop and he fell backward and landed in a lady's lap.

"You are not a gentleman," she said.

"I know it," he said. "I'm a Laplander."

Mrs. G. U. A., Cape Charles, Va.

SOMEWHERE IN VERMONT.

TO MY DEAR SISTERS AND COUSINS:

After reading the table of figures in a recent issue of COMFORT regarding the Home Fund for our dear Uncle Charlie, I was never so surprised in my life.

For the last three years I have been travelling and got out of touch with COMFORT so learned no more of the movement until I returned home and again picked up a copy of "our paper." When the fund was first started I subscribed to it and honestly believed that every blessed one of COMFORT's readers would do likewise. I had supposed all this time that Uncle Charlie was already established in that "home."

But when I found out he was still in the same old place and I got a glimpse of these figures—well, I was actually flabbergasted! Only \$2,958.79 from 5,272 people in three years! What is the matter with human beings?

The "tots" of Boston, not long ago (in a few months' time) raised over \$6,000 for an Elephant Fund and yet the readers of COMFORT, both young and old, could not (I should say would not) raise money enough, in three years' time, to put dear Uncle Charlie into a comfortable home of his very own.

Don't you think we all ought to be ashamed of ourselves? Surely, in these days of easy money, and high extravagance, every blessed one of COMFORT's million subscribers could give at least 25 cents. And think what it would mean to Uncle Charlie! Even a dime from every one of you would have gotten the home long ago.

Do you know that a certain New England newspaper, last Christmas, raised (through its readers) over \$20,000 for toys for the poor children of their city? And they did it in less than eight weeks, too.

The big COMFORT family has had over three solid years in which to buy Uncle Charlie a home and—he hasn't got it yet. Shame, on every blooming one of us, I say! I'll take my share of the guilt; although I did subscribe once, but once isn't enough. So right here I'll deposit a greenback—keep your thumb on it, Uncle Charlie.

Now my dear sisters and cousins, listen to me! You all declare your love for "our Uncle," but facts and figures prove that you "draw near unto him" with your lips, but your hearts are far from him. Most of you are living in comfortable, cozy homes, therefore you cannot understand the awful monotony and discomfort of living in a city apartment house. I've lived in New York so I know what it is like.

Sisters and cousins mine, after you read this letter

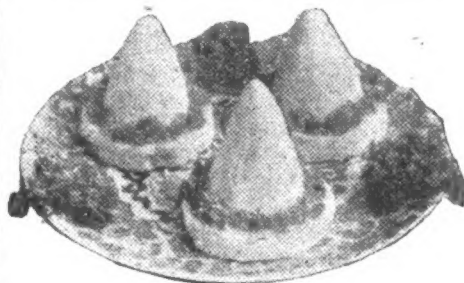
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## Comfort Sisters' Recipes

**T**HE skill and ingenuity of the cook is taxed to the utmost during the in-between season when the winter store of vegetables has become exhausted and the new vegetables are not on the market or else are prohibitive as to price. It is then she has to resort to new ways of serving ordinary foods and dishes suggestive of the season so much to relieve the monotony. The children will delight in anything that suggests April Fool's Day and the grown-ups are not above enjoying a dessert that is dainty and Easterlike in appearance.—Ed.

**CREAMED CODFISH AND POTATOES.**—Soak two cups of codfish over night. Drain and pick into small pieces. Add two cups of cold boiled potatoes, cut into small squares, season well, and add enough milk to cover. Cook slowly half an hour.

**FOOLS' CAPS.**—Peel and soak white potatoes in cold salted water one hour. Boil until they can be pierced through with a fork, but not overdone. Mash, add salt, pepper, half a cup of grated cheese to six medium-



FOOLS' CAPS.

sized potatoes, and two tablespoons of butter. Stir together while potato is hot, and then add enough hot top milk to handle. Shape into caps, brush over with beaten egg and put into a quick oven until thoroughly hot and the outside has a glazed appearance. Decorate the crown with a rim of parsley or other green.

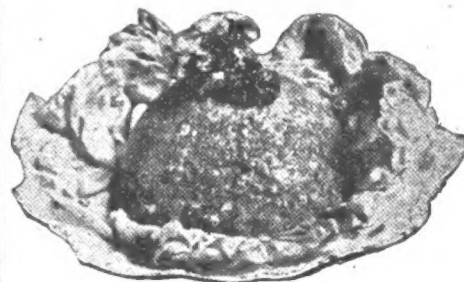
**MACARONI AND MEAT HASH.**—Boil one quarter of a pound of macaroni in boiling salted water. Drain, and line a buttered baking dish with it, sprinkling a little grated cheese over it. Fill center with any cold meat, chopped fine and seasoned well. Add a little milk and put in oven until thoroughly heated.—Mrs. PETERS, Oshkosh, Wis.

**BAKED MEAT.**—Four pounds round steak, chopped fine; eight crackers, powdered fine; one cup of milk, three eggs, well beaten, one and one half teaspoons salt, one quarter teaspoon pepper. Mix well together, put in baking tin and bake two and one half hours.

**POT ROAST BEEF.**—Put a couple of slices of pork into a kettle and fry for a few minutes. Remove and add a piece of lean beef, seasoned well and sprinkled over with flour. Brown the meat on all sides, then add three cups of boiling water. Cover tightly and cook slowly until meat is tender, turning from time to time and adding water as needed. Thicken the gravy and serve on meat.

**HAM CROQUETTES.**—This is a good way to use leftover ham. Make a sauce of three tablespoons melted butter, five tablespoons flour, one cup of milk, salt and pepper to taste, a few drops of onion extract if desired, and one teaspoon lemon juice. Melt the butter, add flour, beat until smooth and add milk and cook until thick. Stir in two and one half cups finely chopped ham, let cool, shape, dip in beaten egg and roll in bread-crumbs. Fry in deep fat until brown.—Mrs. M. L. T., Wyoming.

**VEAL CHEESE.**—Take equal parts of cooked tongue and veal and chop fine or put through meat chopper. Add a little cracker-crumbs and moisten the whole with



VEAL CHEESE.

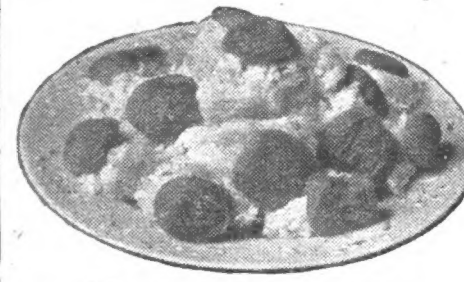
a little hot water. Season with mustard, pepper and salt. Press closely into a buttered mould, cover and steam one hour. Serve cold or a bed of lettuce leaves. Slice thin.

**ESCALLOPED MEAT.**—Chop leftover meat and to one pint of meat add one teaspoon chopped parsley, one half teaspoon salt, one teaspoon bread-crumbs and two tablespoons melted butter. Season to taste. Butter baking dish and cover bottom with layer of bread- or cracker-crumbs, over this spread meat with a few thin slices of onion over top. Cover with layer of crumbs, dot with pieces of butter and moisten with one half cup milk. Bake twenty minutes in hot oven.

**OYSTERS AND MACARONI.**—Line a shallow pudding dish with fine bread-crumbs, add a layer of macaroni that has been thoroughly cooked, a little salt and pepper and butter and next a thick layer of oysters. Continue this until the dish is nearly full, then sprinkle thick with bread-crumbs, dot the top with bits of butter and brown in a quick oven.

**BAKED MEAT WITH POTATO.**—Cut leftover meat in small pieces, season with butter, pepper and salt and add a little water. Put in baking dish and cover with mash potatoes, moistened with milk. Dot with pieces of butter and bake half an hour.

**CORN-MEAL MUSH AND PEACHES.**—Put four cups of skim milk into a double boiler. When boiling hot, add one cup of corn meal, mixed with a little cold milk, to the hot milk with one and one half teaspoons of salt. Stir frequently until it thickens and then cook three hours.



CORN-MEAL MUSH AND PEACHES.

As corn meal varies in the amount it will swell, it may be necessary to add a little more hot milk before it is done. Heap onto a serving dish, and over it pour peach sauce made from dried fruit. Serve with thin cream.

**PRUNE SOUFFLE.**—One cup of prunes, one cup of sugar and the whites of three eggs. Cook prunes until tender, drain and chop fine. Add sugar and mix well. Beat the eggs until very stiff, add prunes and bake half an hour in a moderate oven.

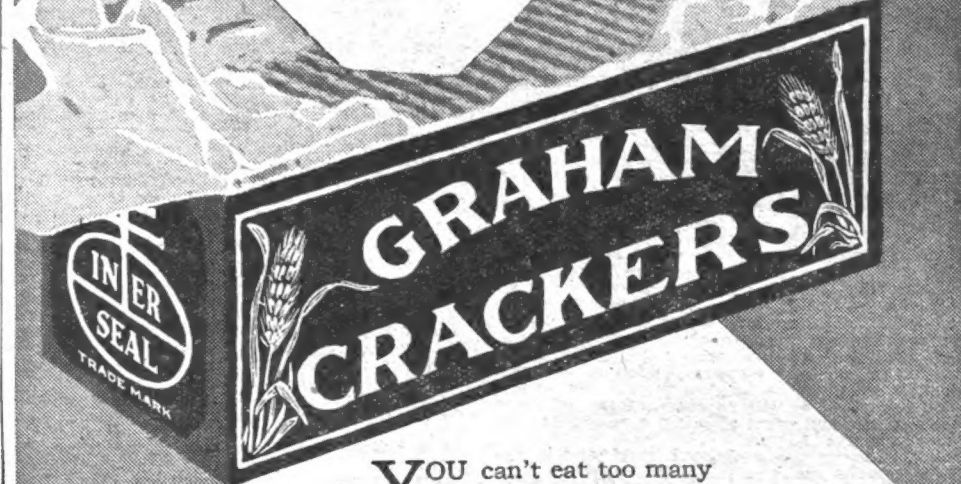
**FILLED COOKIES.**—Two cups of rolled oats, three cups of flour, one teaspoon salt, two cups sugar, one cup of shortening, one cup of sour milk, with one teaspoon of soda dissolved in the milk. Cream the sugar and shortening, mix flour, oatmeal and salt and add milk. Mix stiff and roll very thin. Cut with cookie cutter and on each one put a teaspoon of prunes and raisins cooked together. Cover with another cookie and press edges together.—Mrs. H., Milton, Mass.



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# Driven Apart

by Julia Edwards



He would have closed the door, but Neil staggered through it before he could do so.



"I knew how it would be if I came here. Come let us go."



In the street refugees were stealing away to points of greater security.



"Go to your working-girl wife"

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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Nicholas Berdyne, past middle age, his face marred by dissipation, schemes with Hartley Trenwyck to win Beryl Grayson, whose father is dead. She is engaged to Neil Preston, who goes to Alaska in the interest of a mine owned by Grayson and which falls into Berdyne's hands. Neil Preston is reported dead by Dave Gorsline, who is hired by Berdyne to tell Beryl. In her sorrow and loss of wealth, she refuses continued aid from Berdyne. Mr. Jackman from Denver, wanting to repay a debt owed to Beryl's father, invites Beryl to his ranch, where she forms a friendship for Tonita, a beautiful Mexican girl, who advises her not to marry Berdyne through any mistaken idea of gratitude. Irma Lee, discarded by Berdyne, warns Beryl that he serves his own selfish purpose and that Neil Preston lives and is on his way to Jackman's Ranch. Berdyne, persistent that Beryl shall become his wife, Neil Preston, overhearing her denunciation of his baseness and treachery and refusing to marry him, confronts Berdyne who swears he will follow his trail. The day Beryl Grayson becomes Berdyne's wife, Morley Preston, opposed to Neil's marriage, will tender Trenwyck a check for five thousand dollars and Berdyne will give a like sum. He admits Beryl's trust in Jackman and that the letter written offering her the home was inspired by him, that he holds a heavy mortgage on the Jackman ranch, and with this knowledge they plot to separate the lovers who plan to be married the following day. Jackman, a tool in Berdyne's and Trenwyck's hands, drugs the wine which he gives Beryl when he drinks with her to her happiness, and she, feeling dizzy and faint, goes to her room and the door is locked. Neil Preston, returning for Beryl, meets Tonita. Approaching Jackman's house, an automobile is in waiting and a man with Beryl in his arms appears from the house and lifts her into the car. Neil strikes him down, and taking the auto, with Tonita, they make their escape through the night for San Francisco. Trenwyck advises Berdyne not to go too far. Not to be fooled in capturing Beryl, they take an early train to San Francisco, wiring Gorsline to watch for the auto, the Red Flyer, which he locates near the residence of a minister, who is called early to perform a marriage ceremony, which is scarcely over, when there is a summons from the door. Berdyne enters, and Neil, struggling to defend his wife, recoils and falls to the floor amid the chaos of an earthquake, while Beryl is borne helplessly away. Making her escape, she wanders back to Pine Street, searching the wrecked house in vain for her husband, who is hurried to a temporary hospital by Tonita. She leaves a note for Neil that Berdyne has taken Beryl in the Red Flyer. Neil, regaining consciousness, goes in search of his wife, and seeing the wreck of the machine, knows that Beryl has escaped from Berdyne. Trenwyck, in league with Gorsline, meeting Beryl, assures her that Tonita is waiting for her on Sutter Street, and, unconscious of treachery, she goes with Trenwyck, where she is made a prisoner by Gorsline. Neil, wandering on Portsmouth Square, recognizes Trenwyck and following him sees him enter the house to which Beryl is persuaded to go. He opens the front door and lets himself in. Following the sound of voices, Neil sees Trenwyck and Gorsline and overhears the talk that a woman is made a prisoner. Positive that it is Beryl, he demands to know where she is, and with the refusal to tell there is a hand-to-hand struggle, in which Neil overpowers Gorsline, who admits she is in the library. Neil, entering, finds it vacant. Again in the street, he is pushed into a group crowded around a van piled with trunks, one of which is Berdyne's. The toppling of a brick wall breaks the trunk open and among the scattered papers is a charred bundle marked "Papers Concerning the Grayson Affair," and knowing their value, he hastens to the home of his cousin Arthur Preston of Nob Hill, where they can be safely guarded.

## CHAPTER XXI.

### ON NOB HILL.

"MR. Preston! My poor child, where have you been during all this sad, sad time?" A familiar voice struck on Beryl's ear. She and Irma Lee were making their way through the cool, sweet grass on the slope of Russian Hill, winding in and out among the pitiful structures of sheets and blankets which housed the homeless ones who had fled to the hill for refuge. Some one stood at the entrance of one of these rude shelters and cried aloud in a tone resonant with surprise and joy.

"Mr. Bickerdyke!" exclaimed Beryl, and in another moment she had fallen like a tired child into the good man's arms.

"Thank Heaven," said the minister, "that your steps were directed here! I have thought much of you, little one, and cried out upon the hard fate that snatched you from us. But you are alive and well, after passing the day in our stricken city, and there is nothing but gratitude in my heart. And I have something for you," said he, disengaging himself from the weeping girl and drawing a paper from his pocket. "Your marriage certificate," he finished, "witnessed by my daughter and your friend Tonita."

Beryl took the paper in her hands and pressed it to her lips. How thoughtful of the good man, amid all the harassing trials of the day, to think of that! Yet how many fond hopes and dear desires were wrapped up in that bit of paper. This certificate had come to take the place of her ring, cruelly torn from her hand by the wicked Gorsline.

Irma stood by with satisfaction flaming in her stern eyes.

"You are the minister who married Miss Grayson and Mr. Preston?" she whispered.

"Yes," he answered, surveying the woman with some curiosity. "Are you the little bride's friend?"

"I have befriended her," was the response, "and was taking her for safety to people I know who are encamped on the hill."

"You may leave her with me," said the minis-

ter. "I will care for her as I would for my own flesh and blood. Indeed, I have known her husband for years, and think the world of him."

"Her husband lives?" queried Irma.

"Yes."

Irma's satisfaction deepened.

"I am going down into the city," said she, "to search for one whom I must find. If I perchance discover Mr. Preston, I will send him here."

"Mr. Preston was taken to a temporary hospital in the Mechanics' Pavilion," observed the minister.

"The pavilion is burned!" murmured Irma quickly. "Was Mr. Preston badly injured?"

"I have learned from Miss Morales, who was with him, that the doctor said he was merely stunned."

"It would be well, I think," said Irma, "for you to persuade Miss Grayson to seek her husband at his cousin's, on Nob Hill. Her pride stands in the way, but perhaps you can overcome it."

Without another word, Irma Lee glided away and lost herself to view among the wretched shelters erected by the fugitives. When Beryl, who was dreaming over the bit of paper placed in her hands by the minister, turned to present Irma, she was gone. However, other thoughts, inspired by the certificate, were swirling in Beryl's bewildered brain.

"Tonita—she could not have signed this in your home, sir?" Beryl asked.

"She signed it at noon, when she came to our encampment after a fruitless, heart-breaking search for you," answered the minister.

"Then she knows where you are?" cried Beryl, a flicker of joy crossing her wan, sad face.

"She knows, my child, and she will come again. She is tireless in her attempts to find you. The girl has a noble spirit, a fine, unselfish nature. She loves you dearly, little one, and feared much on your account."

Beryl clasped her hands.

"Tonita is like a dear sister to me," she murmured. Then, with a frightened, startled glance, she said falteringly: "And—and Neil—my husband?"

Mr. Bickerdyke saw the agony of doubt, the heartbreaking anxiety, mirrored in the lovely face, and echoed the trembling words.

"Courage," he smiled, seizing one of her hands in a fatherly clasp. "Your friend and I, after the first paralysis resulting from your abduction had passed, carried Neil out of the house. A wagon was passing, carrying wounded people to a temporary hospital. Neil was sent in the wagon, Tonita going with him. The last thing I called to Tonita was that she would find my daughter and me on this hill. Tonita came back to us, and said Neil had merely been stunned by the blow he had received and that he would not be long in the hospital."

"Oh, where is this hospital?" cried Beryl, overwrought with joy and relief. "I must go to my darling! I must be with him in the hour he needs me!"

"You cannot go to the hospital, little one, for it has been burned. But," he added, noting the sudden woe that flashed out in the sweet face, "Neil could not have been there at the time. He is seeking you, and perhaps—we must not put too much trust in circumstances, you know—perhaps Tonita will find him and lead him to you. But come, let us sit here on the grass while you tell me all that has befallen you. Not one in the whole city but has met with sorrowing adventures this day. My daughter, even now, is ministering to the injured and distressed; and I," he added sadly, "may be called at any moment, as I have been most of the day, to give comfort to the dying."

Russian Hill is the most lofty height within the city proper, some eight blocks west of Kearney Street, and the same distance from the north shore of the peninsula on which the city is situated. There, while they watched the smoke hovering over the city's heart, Beryl repeated her story.

"Cruel fate," muttered the minister, "that this tender form should be so buffeted about in the swirl and strife of such a mighty disaster. Yet you are but one among thousands, my child. You encountered much evil, yet you also met kindness and generosity. Neil had relatives in the city," he went on, suddenly changing the theme of his remarks, "among them a wealthy cousin living on Nob Hill. You knew this, did you not?"

"Yes," she answered, averting her face.

"And Neil knew that you knew it?"

"He told me of his cousin himself," she answered.

"Do you not think that he would imagine that this cousin's house would be the very place

you would go to seek him?" asked the good man gently.

"No, Mr. Bickerdyke," said Beryl. "Neil has told me things concerning his cousin, Arthur Preston, which would not allow him to imagine such a thing."

"The minister was no stranger to the enmity of the Prestons toward Beryl. Neil had made the minister his confidant."

"Today, my child," said Mr. Bickerdyke, "pride has been brought to her knees in this great city. There are no rich, no poor, no aristocrats, no plebeians. The millionaire and the beggar share their last cup of water, their last loaf of bread. It would be well, I think, if you called at the mansion of Neil's cousin and asked for news."

"If you counsel it—" murmured Beryl, with trembling lips.

"I do counsel it. When you are rested and refreshed from such poor food as we have here, I will go with you."

She clasped his hand in silent gratitude. While they were eating some of the homely fare which the minister set out on the grass, fate, seemingly bent upon retrieving the hardships showered upon Beryl during the preceding part of the day, brought Tonita.

How can one do justice to the joy which filled the two friends as they leaped into each other's arms? Tonita was wearied to exhaustion with her fruitless search, and her glad tears mingled with Beryl's in the transport of this unexpected meeting. The minister could not remain long with the girls, being called away to attend upon the last moments of one who had been stricken down and had not been able to find the means for reaching a hospital.

With hands clasped and tired hearts reviving under the spell of tender companionship, the two friends sat long together, each recounting her varied experiences. Tonita, after learning that Neil was not seriously injured, had written the hurried note for him and had gone abroad into the city to search for Beryl. She had not much hope, knowing too well the evil daring and resourcefulness of Berdyne. Far and wide and into many dangers her search had led her, but she had come safely, although with an unsuccessful errand, through them all.

After hearing Beryl's story, the Mexican was quite positive that Berdyne had succumbed when he had run the Red Flyer into the live wire.

"If he has met his death in this shattered city," breathed Tonita, "it is well. Many a better man has been killed or ruined this day, dear." The Mexican shuddered. "Oh," she whispered, "I have seen such sights as I hope I may never live to see again! And they are being enacted over and over again, down there, at this very moment." Tonita waved one of her small, brown hands toward the fiery distance.

Evening had come while the friends were sitting and talking—a perfect evening. The air was warm, the clear, pale stars shone in the blue arch, and the hush of nature was broken only by the sullen roar to the south and by the low voices of those who had clustered on the hill. The smoke of the fire arose a mile or more straight up into the air, a great shaft luminous with the flame that laved its base.

Beryl felt and believed that somewhere under that awesome pall her dear husband, with the bitterness of despair filling his heart, was seeking for her. Her bosom trembled under spell of the thought. Suppose he had gone to his cousin's at Nob Hill? And suppose her own false pride had prevented a glad reunion with him? She arose suddenly.

"Dearest," she said, in quivering tones, "I must go to Nob Hill."

"What?" cried the Mexican, amazed. "You will go there now?"

"Yes," and she told her friend why. "Mr. Bickerdyke has not returned," went on Beryl, "and I feel that I should not wait any longer." "You do not know the way, querida," said Tonita.

"I can inquire."

"But suppose that wicked man, Berdyne—"

"Heaven may have decreed that he shall never trouble me more," answered Beryl simply. "Besides," she added, laying her hand on her heaving breast, "something here seems to tell me that I should go to Arthur Preston's—and go now."

"I will go with you then, dear," said Tonita, rising at her friend's side.

"But you are tired, Tonita!"

"I have not borne half what you have, Beryl. I could not let you go alone! Nothing shall separate us again while we are in this doomed city."

"My dear, dear friend!" murmured Beryl. "I hope that some day I may be able to repay you all your kindness to me."

They would have liked to inform the minister where they were going, yet Beryl felt sure that

when he found them gone he would understand. Besides, it was he who had advised the step, and had humbled the foolish pride which had kept her from taking it before.

When they left the little refuge camp on the grassy slope it was eight o'clock—the very hour which saw Neil starting from Union Square for the same destination.

But the girls did not know the way so well as Neil did. Many times they strayed from their direct course, and many times they were wrongly directed. So it chanced that when they finally reached the mansion, and were assured by a man that it was the home of Arthur Preston, they had been an hour longer on the way than Neil had been. Almost overcome with weariness, they sank down on the broad steps to rest before ascending to the stately entrance.

Within the graystone enclosing wall of the mansion portable stoves were glowing, and tea was steeping in little Oriental kettles. These queer fires lighted the whole front of the house, in weird contrast with the immense banners of flame that shivered overhead in the night sky.

The palaces of Nob Hill seemed to have withstood the earthquake shock most valiantly; for the stately edifice, up whose marble steps Beryl and Tonita presently mounted, appeared to show no signs of ruin apart from its fallen chimneys and cracked and broken windows. As they stood on the great railed veranda and pressed the bell, someone inside stole a look at them through a broken pane.

The face of the person within was that of an elderly woman. It was a cold, haughty face, indelibly marked with that arrogance of caste which has gold for its god.

Both girls, their faces caught luridly in the light from the little stoves on the wall, were clearly under the eyes of the elderly woman. Astonishment crossed the woman's proud features—astonishment, which was swiftly merged into anger and apprehension. She turned to a man of thirty, or thereabouts, who was standing near her and holding a candle.

"A rare night for visitors, Aunt Hester," said he grimly, "and I must be my own flunky and answer the ring in person."

"Two girls!" gasped the woman. "Common people, Arthur. And one of them is—"

"Calm yourself, Aunt Hester," returned the man in his measured, well-bred tones. "What should excite you so? You know one of them? Who is it?"

"It is the working girl whose beauty has ensnared my son!" The words came quick and sharp, but in a low tone.

"Impossible!" muttered the man in a voice of dismay.

"I cannot be mistaken, Arthur!" the woman answered decidedly. "Oh, that this should happen, and now, of all times. I saw the creature once in Denver—in fact, I made it a point to see her—and I never forget a face. Send her away! Or, stay; can you keep Neil in his room while I talk with the girl?"

"I think so," returned the man.

"Then you might admit them and leave them alone with me."

The woman's thin lips closed with cruel firmness, and she waited ominously while Arthur Preston went to the door.

## CHAPTER XXII.

### THE LIE.

For the first time in long, long months, Neil Preston pushed his way through the refugees and mounted the marble steps to his cousin's stately home on Nob Hill. Never since Arthur Preston had sided with his mother and brother against Beryl had Neil the heart to cross his threshold. He turned to his cousin now as a last resort—willing, if Arthur was so minded, to let the dead past bury its dead.

An overmastering weariness was slowly but steadily creeping upon Neil's dauntless spirit. His strong limbs trembled under a strain that threatened momentarily to snap his endurance. He fought heroically against the weakness. But that which caused him the most dismay was the throbbing pain that darted from his wound.

Arthur himself, punctiliously clinging to his evening apparel despite the wreck and confusion that shook the city, came to the door bearing a lighted candle, Arthur's wife and children had gone, some days before, to the country house at Tamalpais, and the servants had fled like frightened sheep at the first great shock.

Neil's clothes were torn, dusty, and burned in places by dropping sparks; he was bareheaded, and his face begrimed with dust; his cheeks were haggard, his eyes bloodshot, and the bandage about his temples gave him a gruesome look. Small wonder his cousin did not know him at first.

"Well, my man!" asked Arthur Preston impatiently. "If you have come here for relief you have come to the wrong place. You should apply to one of the relief stations operated by the Red Cross."

He would have closed the door, but Neil staggered through it before he could do so.

"Arthur!" exclaimed Neil. "Don't you know me?"

"Merciful heavens!"

Arthur Preston drew back and stared as though he could scarcely believe his eyes.

"Neil!" he exclaimed. "Why, cousin, what has happened to you?"

A cry of sharp surprise echoed from a near apartment. It was followed by a rustle of silk,

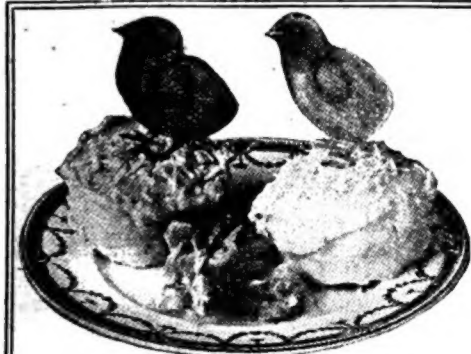
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EASTER CAKES.

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**W**ITH the stock of canned meats, vegetables, jams and jellies run low, we are facing the usual spring problem of trying to serve well-balanced meals from such foods as are obtainable from house or near-by sources, which, when given a full measure of appreciation, will be found very abundant.

Eggs, fowl, apples and oranges are excellent foods for this season of the year, and many a delicious conserve and marmalade can be made from the dried fruits, citrus fruits and nuts. To be sure, it takes more time and care to cook fowl than it did the tender chickens last fall and early winter, but many prefer the full-flavored meat, though the texture is less fine. The apples, too, will require varied ways of baking to bring back flavor lost in storage, but with a small addition of other fruits, a change of appetizing dishes is obtained.

Eggs are in a class by themselves, and constitute one of our most precious foods. By the very simple use of water-glass, eggs may be preserved in the season of plenty and thus a store provided to draw from when they are scarce and costly. Considering the high food value of eggs, they are never so expensive as meat, and it is poor economy not to freely use them as a meat substitute on days when meat is unavailable. Eggs contain protein, sulphur, iron, phosphorus, lime, magnesium, fat and vitamins. Containing no starch, they should be eaten either with bread, rice, potatoes or cereals.

Below will be found various between-season recipes.

### Malt Sugar Syrup—Our New Sweet

Of great interest to housewives is this new sweet which has appeared on the market, say the specialists of the Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, who have investigated various substitutes for sugar.

While malt sugar has long been known to chemists, the two factors that have stimulated its production on a commercial scale are the shortage of sugar and the recent institution of nationwide prohibition of liquor, which latter has resulted in the diversion of many of the breweries from making beer and ale to the manufacture of malt sugar syrup. This syrup is made from the same grains as beer and may be made from corn, potatoes or any vegetable product containing starch. Barley, which heretofore was so largely used by the breweries in the manufacture of malt liquors, is now being utilized by these industrial plants for the production of malt sugar syrup.

Breweries, with very little change of equipment, can be used and are now being used for its manufacture. Up to a certain point the process is the same as in beer making. Evaporating pans are the principal additional equipment required by breweries to become malt sugar syrup factories.

Malt sugar syrup has a high food value, a delicious flavor, and looks very much like maple syrup. While for use on the table it may not be quite so convenient as sugar, for many purposes it serves as a cane sugar substitute. For cooking and candy making it is not only equal to sugar in convenience and food value but is superior in some respects because it will not so readily crystallize or "sugar."

It is predicted that malt sugar syrup will come into general use as the housewives learn about this new sweet and ask their grocers for it, who in turn will be glad to carry it in stock when they learn that there is a demand for it.

### Cooking Fowl

All poultry should be dressed as soon as killed, as otherwise it is rendered unfit to eat, and may be actually infected with poison. On no account should broth for the sick be made from chicken or fowl not known to be freshly killed or drawn.

If the fowl is very fat and is to be boiled, it is best to skin it, boil the skin separately, and use the fat as a butter substitute. The water can be added to the chicken stock. Cut the wings off close to the body; also the thigh. Cut the legs from the thigh. Cut off the neck, and open the fowl the entire length along one side of the backbone. This exposes the heart, liver and gizzard; also the intestines which must be carefully removed and at once put into the garbage can. Cut the gall bladder from the liver without breaking. Remove the kidneys and lungs from the ribs and dispose of these and of the gall bladder as garbage. Too much care cannot be taken in dressing a fowl.

Put the cut-up fowl closely in a stewpan and not quite cover with boiling water. Bring to a boil, and then set back where it will just simmer until done, adding salt one half hour before the cooking is finished.

**FRICASSEED FOWL.**—In a frying pan put chicken fat, butter or butter substitute. When very hot put in the cooked fowl and turn it frequently until lightly browned. Do not dry it. Remove fowl, put the liquor in which it was cooked into the pan. Boil a few minutes and then thicken with a little flour stirred smooth in cold water. Cook five minutes, season with salt and pepper. Return fowl to gravy and when all is hot it is ready to serve.

### Substantial Egg Dishes

Cut three slices of bacon into small bits and fry crisp. Push to one side of pan and in the

## SOLVING THE BETWEEN-SEASON DAILY FOOD PROBLEM

By Violet Marsh

fat brown one cup of bread cut in small squares. Have ready six eggs with six scant tablespoons of fresh milk, one half teaspoon of salt and a large pinch of pepper. Pour this mixture onto the bacon and bread and rapidly stir from bottom of pan until the eggs are soft done. Serve at once with baked potatoes.

**BAKED EGGS.**—Grease muffin tins, and into each put a thin layer of fine bread-crumbs, a generous sprinkling of grated cheese, a bit of butter and a little salt and pepper. Put into oven and brown. Into each tin break one egg, return to oven and cook soft. Before the eggs are put into tins it may be necessary to grease them the second time.

**BROWN-BREAD AND EGGS.**—Fry inch-thick slices of brown-bread in beef or bacon drippings. Put them onto a biscuit tin, and on each break an egg and cook soft in oven.

**FRIED EGGS.**—Drop eggs separately into a saucer and then into hot fat. Set where they will slowly cook to a jelly-like consistency without the edges browning.

### Various Ways of Cooking Old Apples

**TUTTI-FRUTTI APPLES.**—Make a syrup of one and a quarter cups of sugar and two cups of water. Pare, core and quarter six tart apples and simmer in the syrup until tender. Make a second syrup from half a cup of sugar and two thirds cup of water. Add the juice of half a lemon, two tablespoons each of seedless raisins and walnut meats, two slices of pineapple finely shredded, and two tablespoons of caramelized sugar. Simmer until thick. Arrange the cooked apple in a shallow serving dish, spread over it the fruit mixture and over it all pour the syrup in which the apples were cooked. Bake twenty minutes. Serve cold with whipped cream.

**MARSHMALLOW APPLES.**—Core medium-sized apples. Press into the cavity of each one marshmallow, cover with two tablespoons of sugar, a sprinkling of cinnamon and a small piece of butter. Keep sufficient water in the bottom of pan so that a little syrup will be formed while baking. The oven should be quite hot. When done, put a marshmallow on top of each apple, and as soon as they melt and brown remove from oven.

**SCALLOPED APPLE AND BANANA.**—Pare and slice apples, and slice bananas; use twice as much apple as banana. In an earthen baking dish put a layer of apple and a layer of banana. Squeeze a little lemon juice over it, sprinkled well with sugar, and dot with butter. Repeat until all the fruit is used. Add a little water; not too much. Cover tightly and bake one hour. Remove cover and brown.

**FRIED APPLES.**—Core and slice without paring. Put three tablespoonsful of tried-out salt pork fat into the frying pan and when hot put in the sliced apple. Add about one dessertspoon each of molasses and sugar and about half a cup of boiling water. Cover closely and cook until done. Uncover and cook rapidly away any juice that may be left in the frying pan.

### Other Recipes

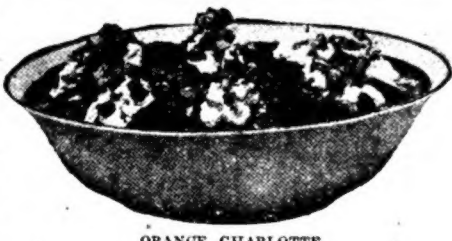
**EASTER CAKES.**—Cream together two thirds cup of sugar and two tablespoons of butter until fine and light. Add one well-beaten egg and a little grated lemon rind and beat again. Sift with one full cup of flour, half a teaspoon of soda and one teaspoon of cream of tartar, and add it alternately with one half cup of milk. Beat hard and bake in round tins in a moderately hot oven.

**FRUITING.**—Stir one scant cup of powdered sugar into the white of one egg and one teaspoon of lemon juice. When thoroughly incorporated, beat with an eggbeater five minutes. Now add two tablespoons of dried coconut which has been previously soaked in a little fresh milk. Frost cakes, and if an Easter decoration is desired, on each cake perch a yellow Easter chicken.

**ORANGE CHARLOTTE.**—Pare and slice orange just thick enough to hold together; remove seeds and center and line a pudding dish with slices. Have ready a gelatin made as follows: Soak one third box of gelatin in one third cup of cold water twenty minutes. Add one half cup of boiling water and one cup of sugar and when dissolved add the juice of one lemon and one cup of orange juice. Strain, and when partly set, beat hard with an eggbeater. Add the well-beaten whites of two eggs and beat again. Pour into the dish lined with orange and set to harden. Garnish with dots of beaten egg-white sweetened and flavored with grated orange juice and nut meats.

**VEAL LOAF WITH FRIED HOMINY.**—Two cups of veal and quarter of a cup of fat salt pork put through the meat grinder. Add three quarters of a cup of crumbs, a little chopped onion, two beaten eggs and moisten with milk. Season with salt and pepper. Put lightly into a deep bread tin, cover with a second tin and set in a pan with a little water in it. Bake in a slow oven.

**OATMEAL COOKIES.**—Cream one cup of butter or butter substitute with one rounding cup of sugar until very light. Dissolve one teaspoon of soda and salt in three tablespoons of boiling water and add cold water enough to make half a cup, and then mix with the butter and sugar. Have ready three cups of rolled oats mixed with three cups of flour. Add part to the mixture and when smooth add remainder. This makes a dry dough but do not add any moisture. Shape a little dough with the hands and roll thin. Press seedless raisins into each cookie and bake in a hot oven.



ORANGE CHARLOTTE.



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### In Place of the Winter Jellies

Toward spring there is quite likely to be a dearth in the jellies and marmalades which we made last summer and fall, so I am going to give some easy-to-follow recipes to be made from dried fruits, nuts, etc.

**PINEAPPLE AND PEACH JAM.**—Soak one pound of dried peaches about two hours in cold water, then rub off the skins. Cover with cold water and soak over night. In the morning cut up the peach, add two cups of grated pineapple, and three cups of sugar. Cook until it thickens which will take about three quarters of an hour.

**RAISIN MARMALADE.**—Cover one pound of dried apricots with cold water and soak until the skins can be removed. Cover with fresh cold water and soak over night. Cover one pound of seedless raisins with boiling water. Let stand five minutes and skin out. Put through second water to rinse and skin out. Never pour off the water as it leaves the grit and dirt on the fruit. Put raisins and apricots together, add two cups of sugar and simmer until it thickens.

**DRIED FRUIT AND NUT CONSERVE.**—Cover one cup of dates and figs with boiling water; skin out, rinse, remove skin and stones from dates, and cut both the dates and figs into small pieces. The cutting makes a better consistency than putting fruit through a food chopper. Wash one cup of seedless raisins. Wash and soak two cups each of prunes and apricots over night. Squeeze the juice from one lemon and two oranges and grate the rind from each. Cut in small pieces one cup of walnut or pecan meats. Put all the fruit together, add two even teaspoons of cinnamon, quarter of a teaspoon of cloves, and two cups of sugar. Let stand about five hours. Cook slowly one hour, add the nut meats and cook ten minutes longer. If not quite acid enough, add quarter of a cup of good vinegar. Be sure none of the nuts are rancid.

**PRUNE TARTLETS.**—Line gem pan with pastry. Make a filling as follows: Cream together four tablespoons of butter and two tablespoons of sugar. Beat in two well-beaten eggs. Add half a cup of fine bread-crumbs that have been soaked in half a cup of milk, one scant teaspoon of baking powder, half a teaspoon of lemon extract, and one cup of cooked prunes minced fine. Mix thoroughly and fill the pastry-lined tins. Bake in a quick oven until the pastry is done. When cold, top with beaten white of egg beaten again with honey to sweeten.

## Temperance Cause Is Suffering—Editorial

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intoxicating. It was a wholesome, harmless beer of excellent quality, but had no alcoholic taste or odor and no intoxicating effect. But its manufacture and sale has been stopped by the recent act of Congress previously referred to. Ten or a dozen years ago the Maine legislature lost its balance under the influence of a bunch of fanatics and passed a bill prohibiting all beverages containing more than one per cent. of alcohol, but it never went into effect, for a referendum was promptly invoked and the people voted it at the polls by a large majority. Now don't turn against national prohibition, for it is doing too much good, but use your influence with your Congressmen to get the one-half of one per cent. limit repealed.

COMFORT'S EDITOR.

The Boss.—"I am sorry, sir, but I find we won't be able to give you a job. You seem to be very deficient in arithmetic."

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# Cubby Bear at Foxy Reynard's Party By Lena B. Ellingwood

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**C**UBBY Bear stretched himself sleepily in his little bed, then opened his eyes. He had a curious feeling of not quite knowing where he was—of not quite knowing even *who* he was. He was just waking from his long winter sleep. Slowly he got out of bed and went into the next room, where he heard Mamma Bruin moving about.

"It is spring, Cubby Bear!" Mamma Bruin said. "The beautiful spring has come! Grandma Bear has not wakened yet, so we must be quiet. I have some breakfast all ready for you."

After eating a large breakfast, for he was very hungry, Cubby Bear opened the door and went out to look about. The sun was shining brightly from a clear sky, the snow was nearly gone, the ground soft and moist, and a balmy little spring breeze blew down and kissed his face. He was filling his lungs with the pure, warm air, breathing deeply when Foxy Reynard came up to where he stood.

"Good morning," said Foxy, "and a happy springtime to you! I hoped I should find you awake, for I came to invite you to a party at my place tomorrow forenoon. Morning parties are something new and fashionable, and I like always to be in style. Shinyblack Crow, Robbie Reddie, and others are back from the south, and those of us who stay at home through the winter have seen little of each other since last fall. So I thought it would be delightful for us all to come together for a springtime party."

"Beautiful!" said Cubby Bear. "I will be sure to come!"

Next morning the forest was full of little woods people, all going toward Foxy's den. There were happy greetings, and everyone rejoiced that the cold, dreary winter was over, and that the wonderful spring was filling the earth with sweetness and warmth once more.

When Cubby Bear reached Foxy's den, in company with Shinyblack Crow, Chirpy Chipmunk, and Racky Coon, most of the others were there, standing about in the warm sunshine.

Mr. Wise Owl, blinking in the brightness of the morning, was talking with Dr. Squilly Porcupine; Tillie Turtle wore a brand new bonnet with purple strings and a yellow feather, and the Little Badgers were running the length of a small log which lay by the open door, and screaming with laughter when one fell off.

"Well, well!" said Wollie Woodchuck. "Here is Cubby Bear, out once more! Tell us, Cubby, if you have dreamed about your friend, Commodore Crane, in your winter's sleep?"

"I have not," answered Cubby, "nor any of the other cranes; but I mean to try and find them again, some day!"

Foxy Reynard was moving about among his guests, all smiles and politeness.

"Come in, come in!" he urged. "There are so many of us," said Busy Beaver, "we would more than fill your den, Foxy Reynard. Why cannot we stay outside? It seems a pity to lose any of this warm sunshine!"

"My house may not be as good as some," said Foxy meekly, "and I know it is not large, but I should not feel right when I have invited you all here for a party, if any were left outside. Come in, all together, now, and then a little later—perhaps—you can all play games outside."

Of course, they could not refuse, and all crowded in.

Foxy stood by the open door, to usher them in, bowing and smiling, and saying a pleasant word to each. Then, when Bunny Rabbit, who was the last to enter, was inside, quite suddenly Foxy stepped out, shut the heavy door with a bang, and fastened it by bracing against it the small log on which the Little Badgers had been playing.

It was all done so suddenly, no one had time to interfere.

Helpless, they stood there, crowded together, all in the dark, for Foxy's den had no windows.

"What does he mean by it?" asked Wise Owl, indignantly.

"Open the door, Foxy!" cried Bunny Rabbit. "It is so dark here—let us out!"

"Listen!" called Foxy, and all were quiet, to hear what he had to say. Then, in gentle tones, Foxy went on: "Good by, my dear, kind friends. I hope you will enjoy my springtime party. Make yourselves quite at home—do anything you please. I freely give you the liberty of my home. As for myself, much as I would enjoy your charming

A cry of indignation from the prisoners within drowned Foxy's laugh.

"April Fool!" Oh, that bad, wicked, sly Foxy!"

"We must get out, somehow!"

"We shall smother—we shall die of hunger and thirst!"

"Oh, my Baby Bunnies! my poor, poor Bunny Babies!" cried Bunny Rabbit, putting his arms around the seven of them.

The tiniest Little Badger set up a shrill wail,



FOXY STOOD BY THE OPEN DOOR TO USHER THEM IN, BOWING AND SMILING.

company, deeply as it grieves me to tear myself away from you, I have promised to visit my cousin, who lives around on the northern slope of the big mountain, and he is expecting me today, so I must go. I shall be gone two or three weeks. Feel no anxiety about me if I am away longer. I shall be quite safe. And now, let me ask you all one question before I leave—have any of you remembered that this is the first day of April?"

and then followed a great sobbing, moaning and shrieking from the poor little trapped creatures of the forest.

"Well, well!" said Brother Binney Beaver, raising his voice, to be heard above the clamor. "This will never do. We must try some way of getting out. No use to hurt ourselves battering against the door; Foxy has seen to it that the log is firmly braced, you may be sure. Who has a plan for getting free?"

"We can dig!" piped up a small voice, and they found that Little Chirpy Chipmunk was already at work, his small paws making the dirt fly rapidly.

"To be sure, most of you can dig!" said Wise Owl. "I would not be much help at that, but my part will be in advising the rest. Foxy has a strong wall of stone around the front of his den, but farther back, there is earth. Dig on an upward slant, for the den is hollowed out from a hillside, and digging on a level would only take you farther into the hill. It will take a long time, but there are some famous diggers among you, and you can take turns—one force resting while another works."

"No, no, no!" chattered Little Chirpy. "Pay no attention to him, if you want to get out today! Help me dig in the place I have started, here under Foxy's door."

"Yes, he is right. That will be the quickest way out," said Busy Beaver. "Let me take your place at the work, Chirpy, for I am larger and stronger than you."

"Dig fast—dig fast!" implored Betty Badger. "I am fainting for want of fresh air!"

The work went on vigorously, and it was not long before Cubby Bear, who was taking his turn at digging, cried joyously, "I see light! We've got a tiny hole through!" and went on digging harder than ever.

"You don't need to throw the dirt in my mouth!" spluttered Wollie Woodchuck, whose jaws had been stretched wide in a great yawn.

Minnie Mink and Busy Beaver dragged the fainting Betty Badger to the little opening.

"Stand back, Cubby Bear, and give her air!" they ordered.

Soon the opening was large enough for Chirpy Chipmunk to crawl through, and after him trailed Slimy Snail.

"I wish I could pull away the log," Chirpy called, "but it is far too heavy for me."

Before long, some of the larger animals were out.

"Now, then, help with this log," said Brother Binney Beaver. "Take hold, here! Heave it away!"

Cubby Bear waited eagerly while the log was moved and the door thrown open. He and Wise Owl were the last ones in the den.

"Oh, come, Mr. Wise Owl!" said Cubby. "Come out into the beautiful sunshine and the sweet spring air!"

But Wise Owl did not follow. Instead, he stalked gloomily into the farther end of Foxy's den.

"None of you would have my advice," he said sulkily, "and now you shall not have my company."

"Oh, come!" urged Robbie Reddie. "That dark den is no place to stay when the springtime breezes are blowing!"

"I can stay here if I like, I suppose?" was Wise Owl's answer.

"Leave him alone," advised Mollie Muskrat. "He will feel better by and by. It is a mercy we have escaped from prison, but it seems too bad not to have the party we expected."

"We must not let Foxy Reynard's cruel joke spoil the whole day for us," said Tillie Turtle, who had no mind to go back home alone, where there was no one to admire her new spring bonnet. "It is not much past noon, and now that we are all together, we can surely have a party somewhere besides in that dark den."

"Good, good!" cried her hearers.

"I know a fine place to play, where the snow is all gone," Shinyblack Crow told them. "I will show you the way."

Tillie Turtle and Slimy Snail were given a place in the Bunny Babies' cart, so they would not be left behind.

They all had a happy afternoon. Of course there was much to say to each other, after being separated so long; they tried some new games, and Robbie Reddie told wonderful stories of the tropical land where he had spent the winter.

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There is no road to success but through a clear strong purpose.

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The best evidence of merit is the cordial recognition of it whenever and wherever found.

Keep your life like a snow-covered field, where a footstep can leave a mark, but not a stain.

In war, steel is a better metal than gold; and in life wisdom is worth more than wealth.

All light in the world comes principally from two sources: the sun and the lamp of the scholar.

Nothing is rarer than a solitary lie; you cannot tell one, but out it comes with a hundred little ones on its back.

High office is like a tall monument and only two kinds of creatures are apt to touch the summit—insects and eagles.

If every man could read the heart of his neighbor, more would wish to come down from a high position than to rise to it.

Morning is a daily new creation which calls all that have life and breath to new adoration, new joy, and new gratitude.

Be simple, be unaffected, be honest in your speaking and acting; and never use a long word where a short one will do.

In looking back on the various stages of life, it is well to cast into oblivion those parts that have caused anxiety and grief.

God is the author and men are but the players; all grand pieces which are produced upon the earth have been composed in heaven.

The true law of the race is progression and development; whenever civilization pauses in the march of conquest it is overthrown by barbarism.

We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down, is weaving when it comes up tomorrow.

We have but one life here on earth; we must make that beautiful. To do this health and elasticity of mind are needful, and whatever endangers or impedes these must be avoided.

When a friend is angry with his friend, and wishes for a reconciliation, let him meet him face to face, and fix his eyes on his friend's eyes, remembering only the object for which he is come and forgetting all former grievances.

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VIOLET

Violet, you say it does not hurt to tell the truth. If that is so why is it you and other German colonists and German sympathizers scorn the truth? Evidently the truth must hurt or you would not be so afraid to indulge in it. Some people might call your letter old stuff, and say that nothing was to be gained by opening up old sores. I would not dignify your epistle by replying to it if I did not continue to receive a perfect avalanche of letters, all filled with the same beresias and repeating o'er and o'er again the same old stupid lies that were dinned into everyone's ears by German propagandists from 1914 on. Germany, or at least the more sensible section of the German people, are trying to put their country on its feet. The present government is confronted on one side by the junkers (military reactionaries who want to restore the monarchy), and on the other hand by the still more dangerous Spartacists, who would be more fiendish and dangerous than even was that mad lunatic, the Kaiser. There are still a number of people in Germany who, though all the facts of the war are being placed before them, so that Germany can get the truth, set herself right in the eyes of the world and regain the respect of mankind, still believe, even as you and a good many more in your section do, that this war was forced upon Germany. I would not waste space trying to convince those who get their ideas from Milwaukee, but so much of untruth has been spread by the propagandists in that city, that millions of Americans have had their minds poisoned by the venomous contagion that is disseminated from this and other tainted alien sources. However, I would have made this letter the subject for an editorial if only for one thing and that is to let the American people know the facts and all the truth about the Lusitania.

The Lusitania survivors, or at least many of them, sued the Cunard Company for the loss of their property and the lives of their relatives. This matter has been threshed out in Great Britain and now in the Federal District Court of New York. The judge's decision, which covers nine closely printed pages, is before me. In this decision the judge absolves the Cunard line from any guilt or carelessness and tells the claimants for damages that they must be collected at the Peace Table by the United States and the Allies, or in other words from Germany. He describes the sinking of the Lusitania, which carried no armament for her protection (though the Germans picture her on the medal struck to commemorate her sinking, as though she were a mighty battleship with guns bristling from every porthole), as "an inexpressibly cowardly attack," which violated all the laws of nations, let alone the laws of God and humanity.

The Lusitania was a peaceful merchant ship. If she had not been so she would not have been allowed to sail from any American port. Also she was pre-eminently a first-class passenger ship, and certainly such famous men as Charles Frohman, the great theatrical magnate, Alfred Vanderbilt, Elbert Hubbard, the journalist, and others would not have risked their lives on a vessel filled with high explosives. But the one great lie, which propagandists have tried desperately to use, to deceive, not only their own people but especially the people of the United States—our hypocritized Germans don't need any deceiving, they are born deceived—was that the Lusitania carried enormous quantities of high explosives.

Judge Mayer, in his decision, states: "The proof is absolute that she was not and never had been armed, nor did she carry any explosives." All she carried in the line of war material were 125 empty shrapnel shell cases without any powder charges, some leather fittings, pouchings and the like, and some cases of safety cartridges. Of these Judge Mayer says, "that none could be exploded by setting them on fire in mass, or in bulk, or by subjecting them to impact."

Now that this atrocious falsehood has finally been disposed of in one of our highest courts, I hope the rascals who have spread this infamous lie from coast to coast will forevermore keep their venomous tongues silent. Two or three German fanatics swore they saw guns aboard the Lusitania before she sailed. These gentry were rounded up, perjured themselves, and got in jail for their false testimony.

Now as regards munitions. Turn to War Encyclopedia, page 180, and you will find that "trade in munitions of war is permitted in international law." The largest munition and gun factory in the world is, or was, Krupp's, a German firm, which now, by the way, is turning out plows and steam engines. Germany in the past supplied the world with most of its guns and ammunition. It was Germany who armed the Boer Republic and it was the possession of those German guns and munitions and German influence that prompted the deluded Boer to tackle the British, and enabled him also to hold out as long as he did. During this same war, Germany also supplied ammunition to the British, and the Kaiser, though blinding the public with the idea that his sympathies were all with the Boers, actually mapped out a plan to crush them and sent it with his compliments to his grandmother, the late Queen Victoria of Great Britain. When the defeated Boer chief scuttled to Europe, the Kaiser refused to see him. Foxy old Kaiser!

This country would have been just as willing

to sell guns and munitions to the Germans as to the British, for there is little sentiment in business—those who have the price can get the goods. In fact Germany did buy munitions of war in the United States. The sore point with Germany was that her ships could not get here and carry away munitions, owing to the fact that John Bull's fleet controlled the seas, which enabled British ships to come and go at leisure. So the Germans set up a mighty howl, as bum sports always do when they can't have everything their way, and wanted us to nullify the effect of British sea power, the only forceful weapon that Britain had for a long time, and thus place Germany at an advantage and the British at a disadvantage, an act which would have made us an actual ally of the Hun. In 1912 Germany, too, flooded the Balkans with guns and munitions and no one kicked. The Central Powers during the early stages of the war whined to our government that it was not fair to permit trade in munitions of war on a large scale for the sole benefit of one set of combatants. Our Secretary of State in his reply of Aug. 12, 1915, at once informed them that this view would impose upon every nation a duty to sit in judgment on the progress of the war and to restrict its commercial intercourse with the belligerent whose naval successes prevented the neutral from trading with the enemy. By the way, just think if we had got into a scrap with Japan how the Germans would have poured their guns and munitions, at a stiff price, on our shores and how glad we would have been to have gotten them.

The Germans sent over the Deutschland, a big merchant submarine. It ran the British blockade, reached our ports, and German-Americans, and a good many not German, went wild with delight. If a million Deutschlands had come they would have been still more wild and we would have heard no more of this hypocritical kicking about munitions. Of course, if Britain had been bottled up and we had been selling munitions to Germany, you would never have heard a single croak from the Milwaukee brigade; but directly the munition business pinched the German foot, then there was a howl that reached the skies. The German wants everything his own way, or he shrieks like a whipped cur, for he has never been a sport and "won't play the game." That is why he went into this war not like a man but like a demon and a fiend. Hence the poison gas and flamethrowers and merciless treatment of women, children and prisoners.

Violet says I know that England was the cause of the big world war. I know nothing of the kind. I do know, however, that Germany caused the war, and because she started it, she is now a culprit arraigned at the bar of civilization. Let me advise you who want to know all the facts about this war, not from Allied or American sources but from a German source, to send to Boni & Liveright, Publishers, New York City, for a book entitled, "What Is the German Nation Dying For?" by Karl Ludwig Krause. This will give you all the fundamental war facts, facts which the most diseased minds cannot contort or pervert. Read that book and it will transform pro-Germans into genuine Americans.

Now we have the "Willy, Nicky" letters, which the Kaiser wrote the Czar. This correspondence, which extended over years, has filled the Kaiser-worshippers with disgust. We see the Kaiser, under the guise of friendship, trying to stab the luckless Czar in the back and setting traps for everyone in Europe. We have all the facts from Vienna as to the high-handed acts of that country with little Serbia, all of which were backed up by the Kaiser and his clique in Berlin. All official Germany knows the facts. The war-crazed German people were ready to fight all Europe in 1914 and with infantile fatuity imagined that John Bull and Uncle Sam would keep out of the game until their task was accomplished. Later, Britain and the U. S. were to be crushed. We declined, however, to wait until the world was vanquished and humbled. John Bull, and later Uncle Sam, jumped in to save the world from the Hun, and now that the Hun is conquered and his villainies exposed, instead of showing contrition like a man, and owning up that he was wrong, he swears he was hoodwinked and fooled and victimized, and this, too, by a world that had flattered him, fawned upon him and wished him everything that was good. The seventh deadly sin is to be forever sorry for yourself, and the German full of self-pity, sits in a corner and reviles all humanity because it did not consent to having its throat cut, and spoiling his game of conquest and plunder. Says a New York paper, commenting on the correspondence between the Kaiser and the Czar: "Lord Salisbury, who was England's Prime Minister, we now learn made repeated efforts to create an alliance between England and Germany. The two other members of the Triple Alliance would also have been included and an effort made to bring in Japan and the United States. This would have meant that France and Russia stood together against the world. \* \* \* It would have meant a rough approximation to an actual League of Nations. There can be no doubt that war would have been impossible if such an alignment of the powers had been achieved and maintained; but the Kaiser, with his egomania evidently firmly in the saddle, rejected this opportunity to clasp hands with Germany's strongest opponent and thereby maintain the peace of the world of which he was always boasting himself the guardian." It was about this time that Britain made a present of Heligoland to Germany. Says the New York Globe: "Salisbury may have used it as a sop on the assumption that he was dealing with a man capable of appreciating a friendly act. But he was wrong; he was dealing with an egotist so intensely self centered that the light of reason was not in him and 1914 saw the harvest of the Kaiser's mad sowing."

The famous Karl Kautsky, one of the world's greatest living authorities on Marxian socialism, and who scoffed at the idea that the German people were ready for socialism, was deputed by the present German Government, to go through the German Imperial archives. To his astonishment he found state papers smothered with marginal notes, written by the Kaiser, and these notes have simply set Germany aflame. Helmuth von Gerlach in the Zeitung am Mittag says "that though some of these notes are even clever, \* \* \* innumerable others are absolutely insane," and it was by the instructions contained in these notes that Germany was to be governed, for the Reich-



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tag was merely a debating society which the Kaiser regarded with contempt. In summing up this matter, this noted German says: "The Kaiser's marginal notes from July 5 to August (1914) are an exact reflection of the catastrophic policy that caused the war." He suggests that the Kaiser needs trying, not by a military or civil tribunal, but by a court of alienists—experts on mental diseases. It is in a lunatic asylum the Kaiser should be put. A young man who harassed his splendid father in his dying moments, who threw Bismarck, the man who made modern Germany, into the discard, and who has done other innumerable acts that show an unbalanced mind, and who finally plunged civilization into the abyss, should have no sympathy from honest, decent men of German blood, here or abroad. It may interest Violet and other German sympathizers to know that the Iron Chancellor Bismarck wrote his memoirs in three volumes. Two of these volumes have been published. Germany is moving heaven and earth to keep the third one from getting into the hands of the public, but a number of prominent men have read the volume and they and all the world know that it was the Kaiser who was responsible for this war. To blame Britain, Wall Street and the capitalist class is the croak of a lunatic. As a prominent man writing in the New York Times recently said: "The Germans are incapable of realizing that they made the war themselves, that they created the conditions now existing in Germany and elsewhere and that when they clamor for 'justice' and 'mercy' they are using words very recently written into their dictionaries with a pencil." Don't forget that Great Britain and Germany for ages had been the best of friends, until the present Kaiser was seized with his wild dream of dominating the world.

Now digest these facts, cut out this unpatriotic and insane worship of a dead and worthless autocracy. Help to build a modern Germany if you wish, but first of all build in your hearts a temple of loyalty and devotion for the land that has been a paradise for many an oppressed German. To discover that our old, jovial German friend was cruel and merciless, a plotter and a murderer, was a shock to us all, and it will take us a long time to regain our confidence in him, for his deeds have destroyed our faith in our common

humanity and left us dazed and stunned. Germany and Russia today are the two great world problems—two unknown quantities. If we knew they were going to evolve into sane, sensible, kindly, human, well-disposed democracies, the world would soon tread the paths of peace, and the nightmare of horror, unrest and uncertainty that now grips us with a chill of death, would at once be lifted.

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JOE Bentley was a huge specimen of a man, with grey eyes hard as flints, a mouth that spoke no tenderness, fists that doubled faster than his slow wits worked, and a shock of wining brown hair any girl might envy. That was before he met Nellie.

Joe's father had been that kind of a man, fast fists, and slow wits; his tiny, frightened mother had quivered into her restful grave before Joe was old enough to remember her. After that his father had "brought him up," and his fists had been more active than his brain in the beginning. It was no wonder that Joe learned early to fend for himself, and to improve upon his pugilistic education.

When he had won the proud distinction of being boss of a gang of men in the city's new subway, he had married, and in marrying, some trace of his little mother's graciousness must have crept to the rough surface of his nature, for he chose a wife as tiny and as sweet as his own mother had been, Nellie Allen, who looked upon him as a god of strength and protection from the hard blows an unkind fate had dealt her. Joe liked being a god of any kind, and his grey eyes grew less hard, his mouth more tender, as the days passed. For a year Nellie held her "Big Bear," as she lovingly called him, in leash; for a year the little home, the first either of them remembered, thrived with happiness, cleanliness and comfort. Then the baby came. Joe's heart nearly burst with pride, although it was only a wee baby girl, and not the sturdy son he had hoped for.

The weeks passed by, and the little wife did not get strong. The home, once so cheerful, was neglected; the baby wailed in the long, cold nights, for it was winter now. Then the subway was completed, and Joe lost his job.

He took the roll of money that was his due, looked at it strangely, and walked down to the river bank to think. A lethargy that was new to him cowed him. True, there were other jobs, other gangs of men to be bossed, other rolls of money to be earned, though no one was waiting in those days around the corner to force work upon him. That was before our country entered the great war; days when men sought the jobs, not the jobs the men.

For the first time in his life Joe felt the call of the wild; the yearning to throw up all responsibility, and fare free; to get away into something new and strange; to forget the past, and all it held, and start afresh.

Sure, there was Nellie, but she was only a shadow of a wife, always with a pain up her sleeve; and she did not seem to mind him any more; he was no longer her "Big Bear," her god-man. Nowadays it was the wailing baby that held her attention. Her soothings and singings were all for the little one. His home was neglected, his wife lost in the wallings of a sickly baby girl.

Then there were the bills! He should think there were the bills, such bills as he had never known before.

He looked down at his great hands in perplexity.

"Is that all you are to bring me, you great strong things, a half-kept house, a sick wife, and a crying kid? How's a man going to get anywhere tied down like that?"

He looked over the dark, sullen water with an ugly frown.

"Everything I've ever had I've listed for," he argued. "I'd better be fisting right now, and I think I'll strike out for a fair deal."

He took the roll of money from his pocket, and carefully counted it, although he knew full well just how much there was. For a time he looked, unseeing, out over the dark waters of the river, his heavy brows bent. Slowly the tenderness crept out of the grey eyes; the stern mouth grew sterner; the great fists closed and opened, and closed again about the little pile of notes upon his knee. Then it was almost as though Nellie and the baby had never been; he returned to the days of his youth when might alone spelled right, and the man who hit hardest was the one who won. Still, he would play fair, for fair it seemed to him. They had joined a partnership, Nellie and he; he had grown tired of it, and apparently she was at least indifferent. They would dissolve into two separate parts. The poor little waif of a baby did not loom large enough to count. Nellie was fond of the kid; let her have her, but he would play fair. He had always treated her right, and he would now. So he divided the roll of bills into two equal parts, sought an envelope, and sent it to the little home, while he took a night train that carried him far away from where Nellie and the baby waited in vain for "daddy's" return.

As the days went by and Joe did not come back, Nellie knew that she was deserted. Her knowledge of his nature told her the bitter truth. But these are not the days when women quiver into early graves when adverse fortune beats and bruises; they have learned to beat back. Nellie, strangely enough, grew strong with her first great bitterness; anger strengthened her arms for unaccustomed tasks.

For a while Joe sent money home now and then. With the first he wrote that he had a big job in the West, and would look out for her and the kid. The second came wrapped in a soiled bit of paper, and the only message was:

"I'm all right. Joe."

Nellie's eyes flashed as she read.

"I'm all right!" How about us, kiddie? The selfish beggar! We'll show him who's all right!" She clasped her darling close as she made plans. The next day she gave up the little flat, and rented a couple of cheaper rooms.

The third time Joe sent her some money, only ten dollars this time, there was no word at all. After that nothing came, although she had been careful to register her new address at the post-office.

Then came the declaration of war. To some it was the deluge.

To some it was an open door.

To Joe Bentley it was the latter; for once he would have an opportunity of giving his powerful fists a lawful mission; for once his love of a fight would be commendable. He was among the first to enlist, but he sent Nellie no word.

After that the wheels of time turned methodically. Joe went to France, and Nellie, leaving her baby in a Day Nursery, found work in a munitions factory, and earned more money than she had ever seen before. Then she returned to the little flat that had once been home. Joe seemed nearer there.

For a long time she felt a dulled happiness, but the ache was still hidden in her heart. Sometimes at night, when she was not too weary, she would take it out and cuddle it, for when a woman once loves, a string is touched that never ceases to vibrate; its note may change from love to hate, but it will never be silent again. Nellie had not learned to hate Joe; she knew how big his fists were, and how carefully they had been educated to the neglect of his better self. She, herself, was of the people; poetry and roses held but vague meaning for her; it was the sturdy things of life that counted, the bills and cash to pay them, the hunger and the food to satisfy.

A note of fineness had been touched by her love of the big, burly man who had now deserted her, but even that melted into practicality, the cleaning and cooking, the washing and mending for "her man," the little round that so quietly closes the door to Romance.

The second time that "Love took up the harp of life" was when the baby came. Nellie could never quite understand the strange thrills that had crept over her when she first held the tiny bundle of life close to her heart; they seemed to have fingers that reached out beyond the life she had known into something unfathomable. Even yet she did not understand; she held her love for her child somewhat in awe. It seemed connected in an inexplicable way with a church window she had once seen.

It had been just at sunset long before she had married Joe. People were entering the church, and she, out of idle curiosity, had joined them. Through a stained glass window the sunset light had flooded, bringing out the glory of color and the beauty of The Christ blessing little children. Something had grown big within her breast; her breath had turned to sobs as she fled from the place.

"I felt as though He was going to speak to me," she had whispered to herself in explanation of her flight. Even yet she sometimes wondered what He would have said to her had she waited. Strangely enough, her fourth glimpse of the beauty of heaven came when she handled the instruments of death in her daily work.

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# Prisoners of the Storm

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## PART II.

"O H, don't talk like that. You were not to blame. Stay here with me. It may be clear tomorrow." Suddenly his fur-clad arms were about her neck, and, for one swift moment of terror and delight, her face was held against his. Then he released her, almost flinging her from him, and she heard the door close behind him. She sprang to the window with another cry of protest, but already his tall figure was vanishing into the hissing and swirling whiteness that engulfed the world.

Jeffrey forced his way through the drifts with the strength of desperation. A more terrifying fear than that of hunger, even for Jessica, had driven him forth from the shelter of the cabin. Jessica's great blue eyes of virginial innocence, the warmth and richness of her voice and the lovely, rounded lines of her figure had kindled in him such a passion as he had not known for years. He must not pass another night beneath that roof. He could reach the ranch-house in two hours, if all went well and he could keep the cottonwoods in sight. It was apparent already that there could be no thought of return tonight. He would have to wait till the wind died down and horses and men would not be blinded by the flying ice particles. He stumbled forward now with eyes closed for minutes together; then stood still till he caught his breath and a fleeting glimpse of the treetops. Sometimes these appeared on the right, and he knew that he had turned in his blind struggles and was headed away from his destination. Taking his bearings anew, he would forge ahead for a few rods more. This process was repeated over and over, his rate of progress always slower, and the drifts seemingly deeper and more yielding as the minutes passed.

Now, with his hands sheltering his eyes from the stinging blast, he peered through the welter again to locate the guiding line of treetops. He waited for one of the momentary lulls, and slowly turned around in his tracks. He could see nothing in any direction but the whirling and hissing snow-flakes. Then with a curse he turned his eyes to the sky overhead. His worst fears were realized. The sky was blacker than ever, and the snow was falling again in a smothering cloud. The treetops and all other landmarks were blotted out as by the densest of fogs. He could see nothing but the whiteness in a little circle around him, and in the whirl and roar of the storm all directions were alike. The ranch might lie before or behind or on either side. He was exhausted, half frozen and hopelessly lost. He stumbled on again through what seemed years of misery. Through his dazed brain whirled a vision of his body, stark and stiff beneath an ever heightening drift.

Suddenly he recalled a means of escape. He could follow his track back to the sod-house. This idea, at first rejected as a miserable surrender to circumstance, came back with ever renewed force. After all, the tide of youth flowed strongly through his veins, and today he knew that as yet he had not really tasted life. The wind howled and screamed like a thousand demons, and the cold pierced him like a knife. Back in the cabin there was warmth and life; here he faced a miserable and painful death. He turned and plunged through the snow, along the winding trail he had just traversed.

For hours he struggled onward, now buried to his shoulders in a fleecy drift, fighting desperately for every foot of way, now lurching across spaces where the wind had swept the turf almost bare. The icy particles lashed his face like whips, but the fierce exertion which was the price of his slow and uncertain progress kept his blood racing through his limbs, and fought back the numbness that began to creep into his hands and feet whenever he paused for a moment's rest.

He plunged across another wind-swept space and searched for his tracks in the drift beyond. He could not find them. The wind had filled his trail as completely as though it had roared across it for days. Blindly and desperately he plowed his way through. On the other side he searched again for his trail, but still with no success. Then he made a wide detour, after the manner of a trailing hound that has momentarily lost the scent. His search was now rewarded, and he found himself stumbling forward in his almost obliterated tracks. They led into another huge drift, and when he emerged from this, they disappeared again, swept from the face of the plain by the ravaging blast. On he struggled, with no clue to the direction of the cabin save the wildest guess. His breath came in quick, hoarse gasps, and his limbs moved like the members of some senseless machine. Through another drift and yet another he plunged and crawled. Then, confronted by another wall of snow, he fell giddily forward and lay face downward with his arm wrapped about his head.

When he awoke he was lying on Jessica's bed in the cabin. The short wintry day was already drawing to a close. His hands and face ached and stung with the returning circulation induced by handfuls of snow vigorously rubbed into the half-frozen flesh. Jessica was working feverishly and without a word, her lips set in a straight line of determination.

A delirium of pain, mingled with a frightful weariness swept over him. He lay in a bed of snow and thistles while grinning imps pulled and pushed him about, jeering at his pitiful protests. But as the minutes went by the spines prickled and stabbed him less and less, and at last all sensations were merged in an overpowering drowsiness. He dreamed of ministering angels that brought soft and warm coverings to protect him from the cold blast on a great white plain. At last he sank down and down into a blessed oblivion.

When his eyes again opened it was to encounter a broad beam of sunlight which came across his pillow from the eastern sky. He sat up and gazed about him wildly, and met the smiling eyes of Jessica who stood in the doorway.

"Well," she said, happily, "you're going to be as good as new."

"Did you bring me here?" demanded Jeffrey. "I had to. There was nothing else for it. I was watching from the window, and got two or three glimpses of you between the gusts. I thought you could see the cabin, but I guess it was just another snowdrift to you. Then I lost sight of you. The place where you fell isn't more than a hundred feet away."

Jeffrey rolled to the edge of the bed and got stiffly to his feet. "I guess I'm all here," he said, with a rueful laugh. "Wasn't I a trusty messenger? You had to get out into the blizzard and bring me in like a lost sheep. Lucky for me you're stout as well as plucky."

"Oh, I dragged you in on the little wood-sled. You're so big I couldn't have done it without. But let's not talk about that. It was all like a bad dream. Aren't you hungry?"

"Hungry? Yes. But what about you?"

"Oh, I've had plenty. And there are two more pieces of cornbread."

"Well, then, those two pieces are for you."

"I've had my breakfast, I tell you. And you haven't eaten a thing since yesterday morning."

"Those two pieces are for you. I don't eat any more in this house until we can see there's plenty for you."

"Jeffrey, you scare me when you talk like that. You must need something to eat terribly this morning after all you went through yesterday,—and for my sake, too."

"You'd have had plenty if I hadn't come here at all."

"If you hadn't come you would have died in the storm. Oh, let's not talk about that any more!" And now again there were tears in Jessica's eyes and in her voice.

"Eat your bread,—won't you?" she sobbed. "No," he insisted, more gently. "If it comes to doing without, I can stand it better than you. Oh, Jessica! You are—"

A loud knock at the outer door and a shrill, feminine voice interrupted him. Jessica rushed to undo the fastenings, and Jeffrey began searching for his missing shoes. In an instant the door was flung open and Laura Ballantyne entered, closely followed by Liveryman Nichols, bearing a sack of provisions on his shoulder. Finding the storm over at sunrise, they had made an early start from Cartersville in a box sled drawn by four horses. Now Laura stood aghast at the sight of the young ranchman.

Jessica hurriedly explained to her frowning sister that Mr. Steele got lost in the storm and nearly froze to death, and managed to save his life by finding their cabin. While Nichols bore in the remainder of the supplies Jeffrey was lacing his shoes by the stove, and the sisters were holding a whispered conference in the bedroom. Jessica quickly narrated the events of the past forty-eight hours, dwelling especially on Steele's heroic attempt to reach the ranch-house the preceding afternoon. On her lips the tale became that of a knight-errant, plunging into almost certain death at the call of duty.

Laura eyed her narrowly. "Did that man make love to you?" she demanded.

Jessica shook her head. She was trembling and very pale.

"He was here with you for most two days, and never said or did a thing of that sort?" questioned the elder sister incredulously.

"Well, faltered the truthful Jessica, "he kissed me when he was going away yesterday."

"Oh! I thought so. I thought he couldn't be quite so perfect as all that. Well, Miss Jessica, you'd better be careful. Do you know he's a married man?"

Jessica's head whirled, and she almost cried out with pain. "Married?" she echoed.

"Yes, married. It's mighty lucky I found out about it when I was at Cartersville. If I hadn't, we might have had a pretty state of affairs. I guess it's bad enough now. That man, Steele, has a wife that he doesn't live with; but she shows up once in a while and makes him pay her bills. She was in Kansas City a little while ago. They know that at Cartersville on account of some checks that come through. He'll kiss you good by, will he? He'd better not let me see him. If he comes hanging 'round here again, I'll shoot him."

When the liveryman had deposited the third and final sack of supplies, Jeffrey followed him toward the door, and there spoke to him in a low but earnest tone for half a minute.

"Why, sure! Mr. Steele," responded Nichols, heartily. "I ain't sayin' any different to you nor to anybody else. These Ballantynes are nice folks, and there ain't goin' to be no cheap talk."

"Good!" said Jeffrey. "I thought you'd understand. Now can you manage to get me over to the ranch?"

Laura and Jessica returned to the living-room. Jeffrey said good by, ignoring the marked chilliness in the manner of the elder sister. A moment later he had joined Nichols and the horses were plowing through the drifts toward the ranch-house.

A week passed. The weather was warm and sunny, and the snow rapidly disappeared. Half of it had melted away and familiar landmarks had reappeared when, in the middle of a bright afternoon, the sisters heard the jingle of sleigh bells, and looked out to see Jeffrey Steele approaching in his two-seated cutter, behind a stout and handsome pair of horses.

He drew up at the door and made a bow to the two young women who stood in the doorway. Then, hurrying around to the rear of the sleigh, he drew out a smoked ham, a sack of potatoes and another of coffee, and started to carry them into the cabin.

Laura, however, stood firmly in his path. "Mr. Steele," she said, coldly, "if you are intending to give us those things, I'll ask you to put them back into the sleigh. We can't be beholden to you for anything."

Jeffrey stopped in astonishment. "Why, Miss Ballantyne!" he said, "I'm trying to return a little bit of kindness that you and your sister did me. And now that we're good neighbors, why shouldn't I?"

"Put them back," said Laura, firmly. "Then you might come in a minute, and I'll tell you why. We don't need to stand here in the wind."

Steele, with a puzzled frown on his brow, complied. He threw blankets over his horses, and hitched one to the clothes-line post. Then while Jessica held the door wide, he entered the cabin. "Now, Mr. Steele," said Laura, determinedly, "I'll tell you why we don't care to be beholden to you in any way, and why it will be best for you to remain away from here in the future. Don't you think it would have been more honorable—more the part of a gentleman—for you to have told my sister that you were a married man before you started in to make love to her?"

Jeffrey turned first red then white. "Who says I'm a married man?" he demanded, looking from the stern face of his questioner into the wide blue eyes of the younger sister. Jessica was trembling violently, and all the color had left her cheeks. With a swift, furtive motion, she brushed her eyes with the back of her hand.

"I got it straight enough," replied Laura, "and it's mighty lucky I did, I guess."

Steele's black eyes searched the faces of the sisters while he drew several long breaths. On a sudden resolution, he began:

"Well, I'll tell you. Jessica knows well enough how I stand toward her, though I've never spoken of it till now. She'll never come to any harm through me. I had a right to kiss her the way I did the other day, if that's what you mean. And I've got just as good a right to do what I'm proposing to do today; and that is to take both of you over to the ranch-house for a little party we've planned for tonight."

Laura set her lips firmly. "We shan't go," she said.

"Now see here, Jessica," said Steele, looking the younger sister squarely in the eyes. "I'm telling you that this is perfectly all right,—that there is no reason why you shouldn't accept. I'll bring you back safe and sound. I'm giving you my word for it. Now will you come?"

"If you do," blazed Laura, wheeling fiercely toward her sister, "you needn't come back here."

Jeffrey's dark eyes gazed determinedly into Jessica's. "Will you come?" he said again.

Jessica trembled and swayed. Conflicting impulses tore at her heart, and tears poured down her cheeks. "Oh, Laura!" she cried. "Why don't you believe him? I know he's speaking the truth."

"If you go with him, you go for good," replied Laura in a low and level tone. "If looks could stab, Jeffrey would have fallen dead at her feet."

Jessica made no reply, but after gazing long and fixedly at her sister, she turned and hurried

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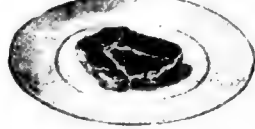




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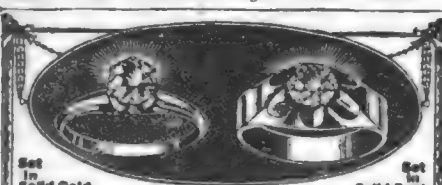
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## His Heart's Queen

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As she did so, her glance fell upon an envelope lying in the chair where Mr. Mencke had been sitting.

She picked it up and saw that it was addressed to him and postmarked Cincinnati; also that it was of recent date.

She stood irresolute with it in her hand for a moment or two.

She longed to know its contents, and yet her innate sense of honor recoiled from reading another person's letter.

"I will read it," she at last said, resolutely. "I believe, under the circumstances, I am justified in doing so."

She drew the letter from its envelope, and turning to the signature saw that it was from a noted Cincinnati lawyer, and going back to the beginning, she read the following:

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"RALPH MIDDLETON."

Violet's face expressed intense wonder as she finished reading this significant epistle.

"It does not seem possible," she murmured. "Papa's brother—Uncle Jonas—must have returned to Cincinnati and died since he left. How strange! for everybody has believed him to be dead for years and years. And he has left me some money, it seems—probably because papa allowed him to name me—and Wilhelm wanted to get the power of attorney from me, so that he could control it. That is why he kidnapped me," she continued, light breaking in upon her—"he was afraid I should find it out and go to claim it for myself. Forewarned is forearmed, and I will never sign any paper for him again. I will set all my wits at work to get out of this place, and then I will go at once to Cincinnati and claim what rightly belongs to me."

### CHAPTER XXXI.

#### VIOLET'S CUNNING LITTLE SCHEME.

"But," Violet continued, after musing a while, "Wilhelm must not be allowed to suspect that I have discovered his secret. He will probably miss the letter, and come back here to look for it. If he finds it in the chair, he will naturally suppose that it could not have escaped my eyes; he will ask me if I have read it—I am not a good liar, and I do not want to answer any such question. What shall I do with it? I would like to have him find it somewhere else, and then he would not be likely to think that I have seen it."

While she was considering what disposition to make of it, her glance was attracted to the door through which her brother-in-law had just passed.

It had shrunk badly and sagged, so that there was quite a wide crack over the top.

"I will slip it through that crack," Violet said, her face lighting; "it will fall into the hall, and he will think that he dropped it in going out."

Suited the action to the word, she drew a chair to the door, and, mounting upon it, shoved the envelope through the space with considerable force.

It dropped about midway of the hall outside, and Violet was glad that she had acted with so much promptness, for, not many minutes later, she heard Mr. Mencke's step upon the stairs.

Evidently he was in search of the letter, for she heard him mutter something about "carelessness" as he picked it up, after which he went directly below again.

"Now what can I do to get away from here?" Violet said to herself, as she heard him pass out of the house, "for get out I must, and will."

There were three doors in the room—one leading into the hall, another into the room where Sarah slept, and another opening into a bathroom. There was no outlet from the bathroom, excepting through her chamber, and of course both of the other doors were carefully locked every time any one passed in or out.

There were two windows, but both were nailed down securely.

She might, she thought, write a letter to Mr. Lawrence, break a hole in one of the windows, and throw it out. But she could have no assurance that the missive would ever reach her friend—it would be far more liable to fall into Wilhelm Mencke's hands than into the banker's, while, if it did not, her captors, upon finding the window broken, would suspect why it had been done, and would probably change her place of imprisonment at once; besides, the weather was too cold to live in a room with broken windows.

Sarah was very cautious, and never neglected to lock both doors when she had occasion to open them, although she left the keys upon the outside, knowing, of course, that there was no way for Violet to get at them.

"I have heard that burglars sometimes turn a key from the outside of a door, by using a pair of long, slender nippers," Violet said, as she caught sight of the end of the key in the lock; "but the difficulty in my case would be to get possession of the nippers, and even if I could get out of this room, I might not be able to get out of the house without being seen by Sarah or Wilhelm."

She glanced out of her window just then and noticed a man working upon the roof of a house opposite. He was apparently repairing some leak, and, having nothing more interesting to do, she watched him for nearly an hour.

He completed his task at last, and then raising a scuttle covering, he let himself through the aperture and disappeared from sight.

"I wonder if there is a scuttle in the roof of this house," Violet mused; "if there is, I could get out that way, then I could perhaps slip into some other house by some scuttle and so escape into the street. The first and most important step, however, will be to get out of this room."

This problem continued to puzzle her for several days without any possible solution suggesting itself.

At last, however, one morning, after Sarah had removed her breakfast tray, she went into the bathroom to wash her hands, and, while thus engaged, her glance chanced to rest upon one of the pipes which supplied her bowl with water and she saw that a line of moisture was slowly trickling down its length.

Following this up with her eye, she could see the point where it started and knew that there must be the tiniest possible hole there or the water could not ooze out.

Long usage had doubtless worn the lead pipe thin in the leaking spot, and suddenly a bright idea occurred to her.

"I will make that hole larger," she said to herself; "that will necessitate a visit from a plumber, when I can tell him my story and persuade, or perhaps bribe him to help me get away."

She drew her penknife from her pocket, and, climbing upon a chair, began to scrape gently around the hole in the pipe.

Presently the water began to flow more freely, and, after darkening the spot with some moistened dirt from the floor, she left it. She did not



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wish to do too much, for fear of exciting suspicion regarding her purpose.

Every little while, however, she would run into the bathroom to watch the flow and was delighted to see the little pools that were collecting about the bowl and upon the floor.

When Sarah came up to replenish the fire and sweep up the hearth, she remarked in an off-hand way, though her color was a little brighter than usual:

"Sarah, I noticed that one of the pipes in the bathroom was leaking this morning—did you know it?"

"No," replied the woman, and then muttering something about an "old trap of a house," she went to look for herself.

"I should think there was a leak," she said, returning a moment later; "it'll be bigger, too, afore many hours, and then we shall be afloat."

She bustled out of the room, and a moment later Violet heard her talking with Mr. Mencke in the hall below.

She stole into the bathroom to take another look at the mischief she had done, and found that the ooze or drip had now become quite a stream, shooting out directly from the pipe with considerable force.

With a feeling of exultation in her heart she slipped back to her seat by the window, and appeared to be deeply absorbed in her book when her brother-in-law walked into her room to ascertain the extent of the damage Sarah had reported.

He did not look remarkably amiable when, a few moments later, he hurried out to seek a plumber.

He returned in the course of half an hour, accompanied by quite a respectable-looking man, whom he conducted directly to the scene of the disaster, where he left him, and then calling Sarah to come and stay with Violet, he told her that he should not return to dinner and immediately hurried from the house.

Violet was delighted with this arrangement, for it seemed to suit her purpose so well, and, thinking that it would be best to make the most of her time, she turned with sudden resolution to her companion and said:

"Sarah, you have been very good to me since I have been here, and I should be very sorry to do anything to cause you trouble; but I am bound to look after my own interests, and I am going to tell this man how I happen to be here, throw myself upon his protection, and beg him to help me back to my friends."

The woman, instead of looking terrified at this bold announcement, as Violet had expected she would, gave vent to a hearty laugh as if greatly amused.

"Miss Violet," she said, at last, as she wiped the tears from her eyes, "you may talk to that man until you are hoarse; it won't do your cause one bit of good, for he is deaf and dumb."

Violet's heart sank like lead in her bosom at this unexpected intelligence, and she remembered now that she had heard no conversation between the two men while they were together in the bathroom.

She was bitterly disappointed, for it seemed as if all her planning had been for naught.

But presently her spirit arose to meet even this emergency.

"Then I shall write what I want to say to him—I am bound, Sarah, that I will not let this opportunity pass. I am desperate, and I will stop at nothing now to regain my freedom."

"No, miss, you will not write a single line," Sarah replied, calmly, but with equal decision, "for the moment you touch your pencil I shall put you in the other room, cold as it is, and tie your hands. I imagine your brother suspected you might be inclined to make mischief, and that is why he brought this dumb Jack here."

"Oh, Sarah! why won't you be good and help me?" Violet pleaded, in a despairing tone, and realizing, all too late, that she should have done

her writing on the sly, and said nothing. "You shall be handsomely paid, and I will always be your friend."

"It's no use to wheedle—I shan't break my oath," Sarah said, sharply. Then she added, in a kinder tone: "It's hard luck for you, I own, miss, but my orders are to look after you close today—and I'll be jiggered!" she interposed, with sudden energy, the term being one she sometimes used when laboring under excitement, "if I don't believe that you made that hole in the pipe for a purpose."

Violet assumed a look of mingled indignation and injured innocence at this charge, but she made no reply to it, for her strict adherence of truth would not permit her to deny it.

She went back to her window and took up her book again, as if she was convinced of the futility of her purpose and had made up her mind to submit to the inevitable.

But she could not read a word; her eyes were full of bitter tears, and she had to struggle hard to keep them from falling, for her pride would not let her break down before this relentless accomplice of her wretched captor.

She still had a faint gleam of hope, however. She had noticed, as the plumber passed through the room that he carried a box of tools, and, remembering the burglar's idea of turning a key with a pair of nippers, she resolved before he went away to see if there was not something among them that would answer her purpose.

She appeared to take no further notice of the man after that, although he had to pass in and out several times; she did not even look up from her book, and Sarah began to congratulate herself that she had thoroughly subdued her charge for that time.

The dinner hour came, and the job in the bathroom was not completed—there was evidently more to be done than was at first supposed—and the dumb servant went away to refresh and fortify himself for the work of the afternoon.

As soon as he was gone Sarah disappeared to the lower regions, intent upon preparing something unusually tempting for her fair captive, to make up for her harshness toward her during the morning.

The moment her footsteps sounded in the hall below, Violet quietly slipped into the bathroom and began to look over the box of tools which the plumber had left there.

She thought that he must be a Jack-of-all-trades, for there were all sorts of implements in it, and, to her great joy, she found no less than three pairs of pincers of different sizes.

Selecting the smallest of these, she concealed them in her pocket and then went back to her reading with a thrill of triumph in her heart.

When Sarah brought up her dinner she ate it with evident relish, and chatted so pleasantly meanwhile, that the woman regretted more than ever having been so harsh with her.

The dumb plumber returned about one o'clock, and before three his work was finished, and he took his final departure.

He did not seem to miss the pincers that lay so snugly concealed in Violet's pocket, although she had been very nervous while he was there, fearing that he would inquire for them. She felt guilty, too, for having stolen them, but she hoped some time that she would be able to make up his loss to him. And now she only awaited an opportunity to test their usefulness.

Every Tuesday afternoon Sarah usually went home to do the washing for her own family, and Violet was then left alone in the house for several hours.

Generally she was very lonely and nervous upon these occasions, but after gaining possession of the pincers, she could hardly wait for Tuesday to come, and when it did, it seemed as if Sarah would never get off. Violet was so anxious to try the experiment of turning the key in the lock.

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## Driven Apart

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a quick, light footfall, and the woman with the proud face and the gray hair swept to Arthur's side, took the candle from his hand, and held it in front of Neil.

Neil gazed at her as though spellbound. The woman's face hardened, and she recoiled as Neil half stretched forth his hands.

"Graceless boy!" cried the woman. "It appears that you have suffered for your past folly. I saw in a paper that you had arrived in this city from the North, and without loss of time I hurried here, arriving only yesterday. Imagine how my heart was torn when I discovered that you had been in San Francisco several days, and had not called to see Arthur!"

Neil drew closer, but the cold, proud woman retreated from his extended hands.

"Do not touch me!" she said sharply. "I shall not come near you until you declare to me that your infatuation for that common creature is a thing of the past. If you are repentant, I can forgive and forget."

Neil drew himself erect and his hands dropped.

"Mother," he began, "I—"

He got no further. Suddenly and silently he sank to the floor at the woman's feet.

"My boy! Oh, my soul!" Mrs. Preston bent over him.

"It is only a faint," said Arthur. "He has evidently suffered many hardships on account of the general calamity. Now that we have him here, we will keep him until he is once more well and strong. Poor fellow, he was always my favorite cousin, and I am grieved to see him in this plight."

"Better for him and for me," murmured the woman, "that he should die rather than continue to disgrace our name!" It was, indeed, a hard and cruel speech to come from a mother's lips.

"Perhaps," said Arthur, "he has learned his lesson and profited by it. He is young, you know, Aunt Hester."

"Yes, yes," said Mrs. Preston. "We will care for him tenderly until we are able to hear, from his own lips, that the working girl has gone out of his life. He can retrieve himself, but only through contrition and an acknowledgment that he was in the wrong."

Between them, Neil, unconscious and breathing heavily, was carried to a rear chamber and laid upon a bed. A clean, fresh bandage was tied about the bruised forehead, and, some time later, his gentle, regular breathing proved that he had passed into deep sleep.

Arthur Preston after admitting Beryl and Tonita into the drawing-room and placing the candle on a table, withdrew from the apartment with a significant glance at his aunt. Poor Beryl had not had time to ask a question concerning her loved one; Arthur, as soon as he had opened the door, had curtly requested his two callers to enter, and had ushered them at once into the presence of the haughty Mrs. Preston.

Although Mrs. Preston had been at some pains to see Beryl and make a note of her appearance, Beryl had never before been so close to Neil's mother as she was at that moment. Naturally, she did not know who she was, but the chill of her hauteur wore a foreboding spell about the girls.

"Girl," said Mrs. Preston arrogantly, addressing herself to Beryl, "why have you come to this house?"

"I have come to learn something about Neil," Beryl calmly answered, meeting the elder woman's forbidding look with steady eyes.

"I am Neil Preston's mother," came frigidly from Mrs. Preston, "and I deny your right to ask about him, or even to mention his name. He is not in your social sphere, and you should have the good sense to set your cap for someone in a humbler station."

"Madam!" cried Beryl, her violet eyes gleam and the color surging into her cheeks. "I have every right to call here and ask about Neil. Love levels every barrier—even if a barrier, other than of your own making, ever stood between us."

"You talk of love!" exclaimed the elder woman scornfully. "There is no love on my son's part—merely a passing fancy. Neither is there any love on your part; you are a designing creature."

"Senora!" interposed Tonita, her quick Southern nature up in arms for her friend, "you speak falsely, for no woman ever loved more devotedly than—"

"I am addressing Beryl Grayson, the bindery girl," said Mrs. Preston, with a disdainful gesture that brought fire into the Mexican's eyes.

"Leave this to me, dearest Tonita," said Beryl to her friend.

Beryl's face was white, but there was a gentle dignity about her, a calmness and resolution which gave her character a new aspect in Tonita's eyes.

"You have pursued my son for months," proceeded Mrs. Preston, with a supercilious air most galling to Beryl's pride, "and you have even persuaded him to go to Alaska, where he almost met his death; not only that, but you have estranged him from his mother and brother, and from all his relatives. Your conscience should prick you for this; yet, instead, you have the audacity to come here, to the home of his cousin, and ask about him. It is well that I am here. I have long desired to talk with you, and my opportunity has come."

She had not asked the girls to be seated; indeed, she did not take a seat herself, but stood during the interview. Even her stony heart was



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All the affairs of life in San Francisco at that time went forward against a background of sullen smoke and livid flame, amid resounding crashes of dynamite, and of a human misery that made night doubly hideous. The most trivial events thrilled with an intensity almost tragic. The good minister had said that the city's plight had brought pride to its knees everywhere; but, alas! he did not know the imperious Mrs. Preston. Heaven itself might fall, but she would still cling to the prerogatives of wealth and power.

"I will not remain longer," said Beryl, with a pride that matched Mrs. Preston's own, "and have you accuse me falsely. I cannot forget, madam, that you are Neil's mother."

"Stay!" cried Mrs. Preston. "You are seeking to make a good match for yourself; no doubt you desire money, in order that you may be freed from a life of toil. I will give you money if you will—"

"Stop!" cried Beryl, her voice shrill with the anguish aroused by what the other's offer implied. "God knows my heart is not for sale; even if it were, Mrs. Preston, it is too late to talk of such an unholy bargain."

"Too late?" echoed the other woman. "What do you mean? Speak! What is there between you and my son that—"

"I am his wife!" interrupted Beryl.

"It is false!" Mrs. Preston almost screamed. From her bosom Beryl drew her marriage certificate, opened it, and held it before Mrs. Preston's eyes, although not permitting her to take it in her hands.

"There is the proof that I speak the truth. The ceremony was performed this morning, and since then my darling and I have been separated and seeking each other in this stricken city. I ask no favors of you, Mrs. Preston, nor of any of Neil's people; but to him I will prove, by a lifetime of devotion, that he did not do wrong when he clung to me in spite of you. You talk of money, and God pity and forgive you for doing so."

Mrs. Preston was dazed by the revelation Beryl had made.

"If what you say is really true," said she, goaded to a misstatement by her proud, tortured

heart, "you will have a hard time finding your husband. He was here, but he left for Oakland, on his way back to Denver. Before you can possibly reach Denver he will be across the continent, ready to embark for Europe."

Despair, for the moment, was aroused by these words, yet Beryl hid her breaking heart as best she could.

"Come, Tonita," she murmured, stretching out her hand; "I knew how it would be if I came here. Come, let us go."

Flashing fierce looks at Mrs. Preston, Tonita placed a gentle, supporting arm about Beryl's waist, and they left the room and the house.

And in that rear chamber, watched vigilantly by Arthur Preston, Neil still slept, ignorant of all that took place in the drawing-room; slept on, with a packet at his breast which proved Beryl's right to vast wealth—and that high station which wealth alone seems able to bestow.

## CHAPTER XXIII

### BETWEEN MOTHER AND SON.

"Neil! Wake up, cousin! The fire will soon be upon us, and we must leave!"

It was dawn, Thursday morning, twenty-four hours after the shattering earthquake. Neil had slept the night through, soundlessly, dreamlessly. It was only when Arthur Preston roused him that he started up in his bed with a reproachful cry.

"What is the hour, Arthur?" he asked.

"Thursday morning," replied Arthur, "and this house is doomed; all Nob Hill is going to destruction. However," he added, "I have saved my automobile for this emergency. The soldiers have been confiscating every car they can find, so I ran mine out of the garage and into the back yard, where it has been covered with rugs and things, and completely hidden. I have saved it for my own use, and I think we are going to need it."

To Neil this ruse appeared like heartlessness. Arthur had denied his automobile to the soldiers, who would have used it to save lives and carry the sick and helpless to the hospitals. Then Neil thought of his mother. Her safety was dear to him, and he condoned his cousin's selfishness.

"I have wasted hours," murmured Neil, "precious hours, while the one I love better than all the world is drifting helplessly about this stricken city."

Arthur had started to leave the room, but he halted and gave Neil a queer look.

"You will go with your mother and me to Mount Tamalpais?" he asked.

"No, no! There is work for me here." A sudden remembrance of the packet of papers crossed Neil's mind. "Arthur! I have something here I wish to leave in your fireproof vault."

"I shall have to disappoint you, Neil," said Arthur. "The earthquake undermined the foundations of the vault and jammed the door in such a way that it cannot be opened. Keep your valuables; they would be safer with you, anyway, than in the safe. I have laid out some of my own linen and clothes for you. Get into them while I am bringing the automobile around to the door."

Neil saw the value of the suggestion. His own garments were little better than rags. When he had donned his cousin's apparel, he changed his personal property to the clothing he wore, securing the valuable packet as best he could in the breast pocket of the coat. The sight of the ring, taken by force from the miserable Goraline, brought his heart into his throat. He pressed the glittering circlet to his lips ere he put it away.

"I shall place it on your dear hand once more, my lost sweetheart," he said to himself. "Patience, patience! Yet, ah, it is hard to be patient when my heart cries so loud for you and I feel myself so helpless!"

As soon as he had dressed he went out into the dining-room, expecting to find his mother. But she was not there. It was his duty to inform her of what had happened, and he should not shrink it, be the consequences what they might. Had not his wound and his exhaustion overcome him on the previous evening, he would have declared his secret then and there.

Food had been placed on the table, and Neil snatched a few mouthfuls of it to fortify his strength against the trials he knew he must face. Then he passed into the hall, into the drawing-room, and out upon the veranda in front. He could see nothing of his mother; no doubt she was in her own room packing her possessions for flight.

The hot breath of the fire was in his face. To the east and south two walls of flame were approaching Nob Hill at right angles. In the street the refugees had folded their miserable tents, and were stealing away to points of greater security. Coolies in blue blouses, their chattels suspended from a pole across their shoulders, went past at

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# The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

## Little Things That Count

It isn't always a beautiful complexion or a perfect figure which causes one to think of a girl as pretty or attractive. The little things have as big a part to play as these more conspicuous beauty points. A pretty complexion can't do away with the impression caused by untidy hair, nor a lovely figure undo the unpleasant picture left by soiled finger-nails. It is the little things that count, girls.

What are your pet shortcomings? All of us have some. There is, for instance, the girl whose hair is rather uneven and who is inclined to give it a hasty hair-dressing. When little dragging ends fall down behind her ears, or wisps of hair trail along her neck, or a strand loosens and blows across her forehead, she merely says:



GOING OVER THE FACE TO REMOVE VISIBLE POWDER.

"Oh, my hair is such a nuisance. It's every kind of a length. I can't do a thing with it." But she could do a great deal better with it, if she would give it a minute or two longer in the dressing.

After the hair is up in the morning, look it over carefully. This inspection takes only a moment or two. There should be a packet of invisible pins at hand, and every floating lock should be deftly anchored where it will prove the most becoming. The forehead line should be adjusted, by loosening the hair a little here and pushing it back a little there, tiny hairpins fastening it in just the most becoming way. Loose ends in the neck should be gathered up, tucked in and fastened with invisible pins, and the loose hairs about the ears treated with the same care. Where there are many short hairs, the use of a hair-net is desirable. Do not, however, pull the net tight about the head, flattening the hair down until you look like a skinned monkey. Adjust the net lightly over the hair, pin it in a couple

of places next the forehead, gather up any fullness of net behind and tuck it under the hair, fastening securely with a pin, then pin the net behind the ears or just above the ears in the way which makes the hair look perfectly natural and not tight and drawn. With a net thus fastened on, you may face any breeze without alarm, for you will look as well-groomed after your encounter as when you leave your dressing-table.

Then do not forget to see that the powder is brushed out of your eyebrows, that your nails are spotlessly clean and well-shaped, that your dress, if of wool, is brushed free of even one wandering speck of dust, or, if of cotton, that it is perfectly fresh and free from wrinkles.

If you will look after these small things, you will be astonished to find how much prettier you seem to have become, though your features and your complexion have not changed a bit. Though let me whisper a secret—when you have acquired the habit of being careful about these little things, you will find yourself taking much better care of your complexion than you ever did before, and paying more attention to the way you stand and sit and how you put on your clothes, and so not only will the little things have been improved but the big things as well.

## Answers to Questions

ELLEN.—Your oily hair with dandruff on the scalp will be improved by careful shampooing. Use white household soap shaved—half a bar to a quart of boiling water—and let stand on the stove until the soap is thoroughly dissolved. Take off and let stand until only tepid. Use this liquid to pour on the hair for shampooing. Whatever is left from one shampoo may be kept till the next—it will form a sort of jelly and to this when you are ready to use it you may add a little hot water. Try oiling the scalp the night before a shampoo—using a medicine-dropper and running it along a part in the hair, then along another part and so on until the whole scalp but not the hair is well oiled. Then tie the hair up in a towel and go to bed. In the morning shampoo the hair, dipping it first in warm water and thoroughly wetting scalp and hair, then pouring on a little of the shampoo mixture and thoroughly manipulating the scalp with the fingers. The mixture will make a fine lather. Go all over the hair with it, then squeeze the lather out and rinse; use more lather and so repeat several times. The point to be careful about is the rinsing of the hair afterward. You should rinse many times in hot water, then in warm, and after the hair is perfectly free from soap and clean to the touch, then rinse in cool water and finally in cold. Not getting the soap out of the hair after shampooing will cause dandruff. Using too strong soap will do the same thing, as it cuts the skin of the scalp and makes it rough. If your hair is inclined to be oily—which may be the result of dandruff clogging the little oil glands and irritating them until they do not function properly—let it down and air it when you have time during the day. You can at least do this once during the day and again when you go to bed. And do not sleep with your hair done up. To tone up your scalp, give it a good massage at least once a day. Slip your fingers under the hair on each side of the head—the hair being loosened, of course—and pressing the fingers firmly against the scalp move the scalp back and forward on the skull, then round and round. Repeat at different points on the scalp until the whole head has been gone over thoroughly and is tingling and warm. If you persist in this treatment, shampoo once in two weeks, rinsing very carefully, air the hair once or twice each day, and sleep with fresh air in your room and with the hair either loosely braided or hanging free, I am sure your scalp will soon be in a healthier condition.

REBE.—You say your hair has been coming out since you had the flu. You probably had quite a temperature and perhaps for some considerable time. This usually affects the hair and causes it to fall out. You need to tone up the scalp, and to look after your general health. Massage the scalp twice daily—see my answer to "Ellen"—get plenty of sleep and eat nourishing food at regular hours. Get as much outdoor exercise as you can. Brush your hair gently every night for fifty to one hundred strokes, and sleep with it hanging loose.

NO NAME.—Since I cannot answer your letter by mail, under the rules of this department, I am omitting



PUTTING ON A HAIR NET AS A FINISHING TOUCH.

your name and assuming that you will know this answer is intended for you. Dark circles under the eyes come from some physical condition which is not as it should be. It is your general health which needs looking after. Do you get enough restful sleep? You ought to have eight or nine uninterrupted hours of sleep with fresh air in the room. Drink plenty of water during the day, and try to be careful about your food, and especially about the eliminative functions of the body. Your bowels should move once a day at least, and without using cathartics. Fresh fruit and green vegetables and plenty of water will aid in this. Chew your food thoroughly. Eat oranges daily, if possible—you are in an orange-growing country, so probably this will be a simple matter for you. As to the large pores, wash the face thoroughly at night with warm soapy water, then rinse in several waters, first very warm, then less so, then tepid, and finally dash on cold water. This latter will close the pores, or help to do so. In the daytime do not use hot water on the face, only tepid water. Hot water opens the pores, which is what you are trying to avoid. Cold water helps to close the pores—remember that. But do not use cold water on the pores if they are not clean, because you will close up their contents in them and have pimples.

MOTHER.—I am omitting your name, as you will see. To develop your bust, your whole body will have to receive attention, I think. I wonder how much you weigh. I judge you are somewhat under weight, probably a good deal so. The milk diet would be excellent for you—it usually adds a couple of inches to the bust. To get results you must persevere for two months. To begin, eat one meal a day and that at night. When you are ready to start on the diet, put half-a-dozen prunes to soak in a tumbler of water and let soak overnight. In the morning, on rising, drink one or two glasses of hot water, then eat the prunes, chewing them thoroughly, and drink the juice. Fifteen minutes later, drink a glass and a half of milk (don't heat it), "chewing" each mouthful before swallowing, that it may be well mixed with the saliva. An hour later, repeat the amount of milk, and so continue taking a glass and a half of milk every hour until about 3.30, if you begin at 7.30; or until 4, if you did not begin until 8. About 6 or 6.30 eat your supper, and between that hour and going to bed drink two glasses of water. After the first week, drop the evening meal, and drink

two glasses of milk every hour from 7.30 in the morning until 6.30 at night, keeping up the water night and morning, and the prunes. Weigh on the afternoon of the last day of each week, to keep track of your gain. I think you will find that after the first two weeks your bust will begin to show signs of development. If you do not take the milk diet, for any reason—though it would be a fine thing for your general health—get some cocoa-butter at your drug store, and use it to massage the bust. To use it, heat it over a flame and rub it gently on the breast with a circular movement, following the outline of the breast. Then gently massage with the same movement. The breasts are very delicate parts of the body, and must not be handled roughly.

E. A. E.—See answer to "Ellen" about hair. I do not think I would wear bangs, if I were you. Why not part the hair on one side, then arrange it so that it lies in a sort of wavy line on your forehead? Here is a good way to do that. Do your back hair any way you like, but before putting it up, part the hair from ear to ear, about half way back from the forehead. What hair is back of the part can be combed straight back with the back hair.

The front section should then be parted a little to one side of the middle. Take the left half—this will be the smaller section, as you should part to the left of the center—and brush it back loosely, pinning it to the back of the head where the ends will be covered by your back hair, then loosen it next the part so you can draw part of the hair in a "curve or wide 'finger' down on the forehead. You can pin the hair in whatever form you find is becoming. The hair next the ear can be loosened a little and pulled somewhat forward to make a soft line, then pinned in place. For the right side of the front hair, divide in two sections, the one nearest the part being only about two inches or a little more in width. Comb or brush this back, then draw it down upon the forehead a little in a curve, pinning in place, while the ends are brought back and pinned under the back hair. The other part of the right side of the front hair should be brushed back and pinned with or under the back hair, but left then be parted a little to one side of the middle. Take the left half—this will be the smaller section, as you should part to the left of the center—and brush it back loosely, pinning it to the back of the head where the ends will be covered by your back hair, then loosen it next the part so you can draw part of the hair in a "curve or wide 'finger' down on the forehead. You can pin the hair in whatever form you find is becoming. The hair next the ear can be loosened a little and pulled somewhat forward to make a soft line, then pinned in place. For the right side of the front hair, divide in two sections, the one nearest the part being only about two inches or a little more in width. Comb or brush this back, then draw it down upon the forehead a little in a curve, pinning in place, while the ends are brought back and pinned under the back hair. The other part of the right side of the front hair should be brushed back and pinned with or under the back hair, but left

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# Gifts to Housewives

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Style 6


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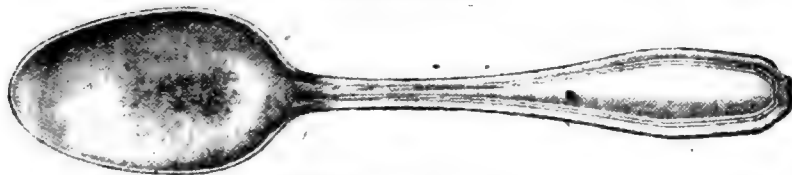
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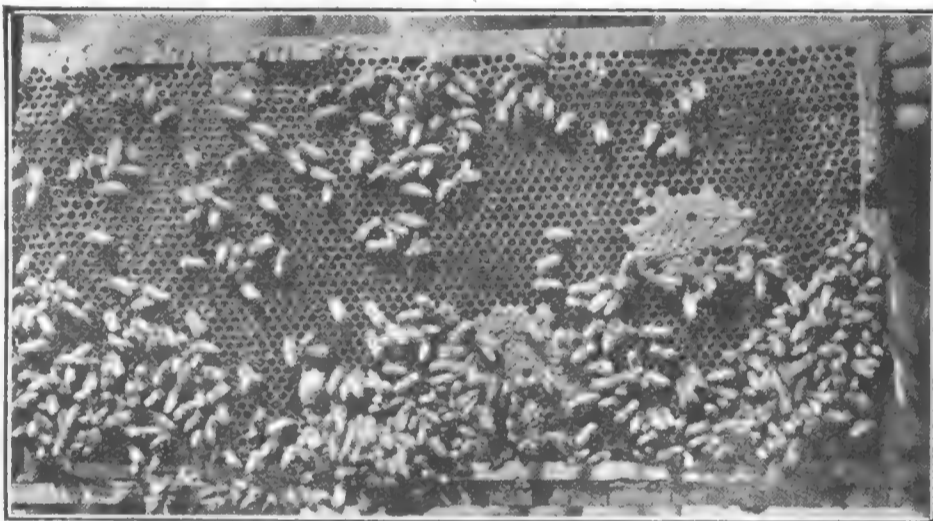
## Profit in Keeping Bees

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### *Helps for The Beginner*

**I**F you were to ask one of the more intelligent, progressive, up-to-date farmers if the honey bee is of any importance or use about the farm, his reply would be something like this: "Yes Sir-ee! the little honey bee is one of the most useful little animals in the world. Useful to the farmer; useful to the city dweller. Our entire structure has agriculture as the base upon which it rests. If the factories, the stores, the wholesale houses of the cities, and the railroads which unite them with the country, were to disappear, civilization would decline and we would live in an exceedingly primitive condition; but we could still live because we would still have agriculture. But let agriculture, the source of food, disappear, and human life would almost entirely vanish. But agriculture is in part dependent upon the little honey bee. We would have very small crops of currants, gooseberries, blackberries, raspberries,



BEES FILLING COMB WITH HONEY.

cherries, plums, crab-apples, apples, etc., if there were no bees to carry the pollen from one flower to another and thus make certain the fertilization which results in fruit. Dairying is dependent upon clover; and clover is dependent upon bees for cross-fertilization of flowers and consequent production of seeds. Corn and potatoes would not produce so heavily if there were less clover to assist in building up the fertility of the soil. It is well known that cucumbers cannot be profitably raised in the absence of bees. Thus the little bee occupies a niche which cannot be filled by any other animal."

Now, here, someone will exclaim: "Yes, but what about the bumble-bee. It fertilizes red clover; and the farmer relies upon red clover more than upon any other for fertilization of his land, to say nothing of the crops of hay." The mistake made is in assuming that all of the fertilization of red clover is performed by the bumble-bee. The honey bee, particularly the Italians and the cross between the Italians and the black or German bee, called hybrids, does work on red clover. It does not get much honey from red clover, excepting in rather dry years, because its tongue is a little less than a quarter of an inch

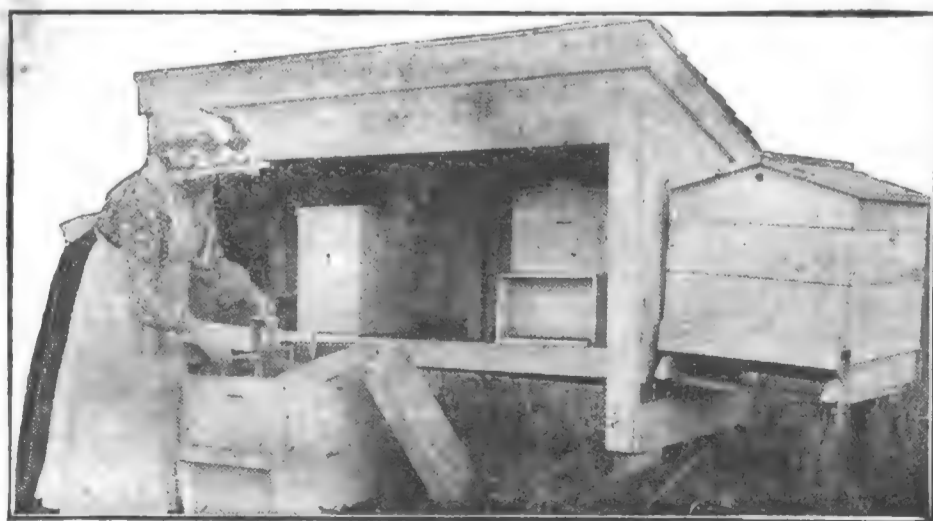
dusted with the pollen. Watching fields of red clover has led me to believe that there are not enough bumble-bees, at least in the northern states, to do more than fertilize a part of the red clover blossoms.

Now, I have no doubt that a good many of the readers of COMFORT would like to have me help answer the question: Would it be advisable for me to keep some bees? Well, if your only thought is to make money out of bees; if you do not really care for the bees themselves; if you have no real banking for bees; if you have no strong desire to make the bees comfortable, prosperous and happy in their little homes, do not become a beekeeper on either a large or a small scale. Success and happiness come to those who do not care for the bees simply to rob them, but to make the bees themselves happy. For example, my own success has been due largely to the enjoyment of handing over to a colony in the fall several broodcombs full of sealed honey. The bees will not waste an ounce of it, that is certain. They will not starve and it is almost certain that no dysentery will appear. And when spring comes how pleasant it is to see one after

another of my colonies bob up, ready to roll in the honey.

Last fall, a lecturer, a very successful beekeeper, spoke something like this: "Are you sure that your bees are comfortable for the winter? When I lie comfortably tucked up in my warm bed and I think of some colony which may not have been well enough cared for and may be suffering from the cold, I feel uneasy. I know that many of you are not like that. Now, I want to feel that way toward living things. If you are sure you would feel that way about bees, go to it. Get one colony and feel your way along."

"But how can I tell whether or not bees will do well in my locality?" In the vast majority of places, bees will make a living and give some surplus. My first bees were kept on the roof of a flat in the very heart of Minneapolis, in the same block in which the public library is located. Strange as it may seem, they did very well indeed. Every state in the Union has its many beekeepers, large and small. In our northern states, there are extensive beekeepers who number their colonies by the hundreds and the same may be said of the southern states, east and west. Even in arid New Mexico and Arizona may be



AS MANY STYLES AS THERE ARE HIVES—THAT IS BAD.

long, while the tongue of the bumble-bee is about half an inch long. But the honey bee gets pollen and some honey from the red clover and in doing so carries the little grains from one head to another and thus cross-fertilizes them. Examine a few red clover flowers next summer and see where the pollen is; and notice, too, that a bee cannot work on the flowers without becoming

"Well, now, what is it going to cost me to get started?" That is hard to answer definitely for each, because the conditions are so widely unlike in different parts of the country; and because individuals are so unlike. My own experience may

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## Prisoners of the Storm

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Into the bedroom. Jeffrey stood by the window, waiting.

When Jessica reappeared a moment later, wearing her hood and cloak, he turned toward the sisters with a broad and happy smile. "Well, I'm a lucky man, after all. The girl who'll take my word when all the appearances are against me is the girl for me. Now here! I'll show you both something."

Drawing a paper from his breast pocket, he unfolded it and threw it on the table.

Laura picked it up and read slowly to herself, her lips moving with the intensity of her attention. Then she exclaimed:

"This is a letter from the chief of police at Omaha. Does he mean that your wife's been arrested for forgery?"

Jeffrey smiled.

"He means that the clever lady who did me the honor to pretend to be my wife while she passed a number of checks has been arrested. Some people who knew me in a business way took the checks in good faith, and it has cost me about five hundred dollars so far. She claims, I believe, that she is not guilty of forgery since the name she signed was Mrs. Jeffrey Steele, and no such person exists. Still, if I can have my way, and I think I can, she'll go to the penitentiary just the same."

"And you aren't married at all?" gasped Laura.

"Not in the least."

"Oh, Jessica!" cried Laura, "how foolish and cruel I was!"

Jessica turned toward her with glowing face and outspread arms. Both the sisters had tears in their eyes. In a moment each was crying softly on the other's shoulder.

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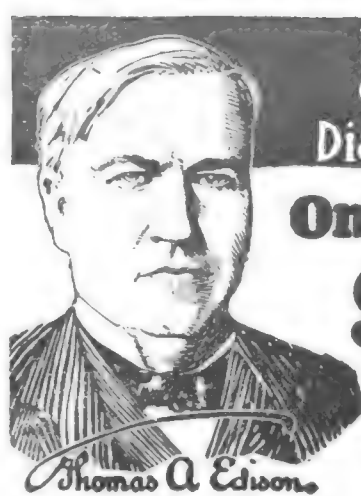
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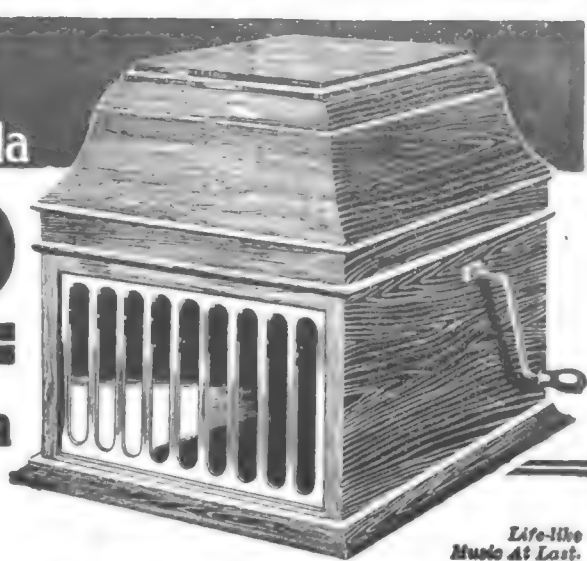
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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Just go alone by yourselves and count the many blessings God has given you, the biggest, richest and grandest one of all being health and strength. You are able to get around, to go everywhere you wish to go—able to run, climb, sport and enjoy yourself to the utmost; able to eat plentifully of anything you desire and can sleep like a babe all night. Life is sweet to you in many ways, you have all the things essential to make you happy. Go out under the stars tonight, my dears, and gaze into heaven and reflect deeply upon all those glorious privileges you enjoy—then—let your thoughts wander to dear Uncle Charlie who has not enjoyed a night's sleep nor a square meal for many years. He cannot even walk, let alone run or climb or sport. Every breath he draws is one of pain. His poor body is racked with physical suffering, impossible for the healthy to understand.

Being "celled" up in that big, noisy city, he sees not the glory of the rising sun nor the majesty of its setting. Neither the splendor of soft moonlight nights, nor the beauty of the stars as they unveil their faces at eventide. The freedom and pleasure of God's great outdoors is denied to him, and oh, how his great soul would doze at these things! How he loves the wild, and all God's creatures!

Lying on his bed of pain he cannot feast his eyes upon an ever changing panorama of nature. All he sees is the city streets and the narrow confines of his room. All this he endures with glorious Christian fortitude, with humble patience and resignation, and out of his affliction he sheds his love upon all the human family. From his bed of pain a corona of Light radiates to all parts of the world, brightening and warming all souls which it touches. He loves everybody. He crucifies himself in his efforts to do good to poor, blind, erring, miserable humanity. He is filling his mission here in this world as the Almighty ordained him to do it and he is doing it nobly, well.

Aren't you going to awake from your "sleeping sickness" and hustle that home for Uncle Charlie?

Just think, if the gigantic strain on his poor nerves during the war had taken him away! What if he had fallen a victim to that dread disease, influenza. I tell you, readers, delays are dangerous. Our Uncle Charlie has now reached that age when each year is a precious jewel slipped off the cord of life. He cannot be with us so very many more years so let's all try to get that home for him to rest in, the remainder of his days.

Come on now, my hearties! Let's see how quickly we can raise money enough to buy a nice home. Let's recede that Uncle Charlie will be established in his own "home sweet home" by early summer.

God bless you all. GEORGIANNA F. WARNER

VICKSBURG, MISS.

DEAR EDITOR AND COMFORT SISTERS: I have a plan I would like to get started at once. It is this: Let each of us Comfort sisters get busy and make "that home" for Uncle Charlie a certain thing. We can do it I know if each one will do her bit. Let us divide ourselves into two classes and let one part give a cash contribution, from a dime to as much as they can and let the others agree to make one thing to sell and give the money to the fund, or they can do some sort of work and turn the pay in for the same purpose.

I will make four pretty little tea aprons and sell them at fifty cents each and give the \$2.00 as my part. The home does not have to be a fine or an expensive one but it could be a very comfortable one and just think what that would mean to him. I am a believer in giving flowers to the living while they can enjoy them. A new home now will do him more good than an expensive stone at his head when he has left us. Let us work while there is time.

Love to the dear Comfort staff. Sincerely, MRS. N. B. HENDERSON.

DECATUR, ILL.

GOOD EVENING MRS. CONDUCTRESS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Yes, "gentlemen," although only two—another old back-and-myself, darling to carry heads erect—making good the old aphorism, slightly modified, "Fools rush in where angels," married men angels. "Fear to tread," as a linguistically versatile sister from N. J. recently remarked.

Quite a homey, motherly letter that of Mrs. Walter Alverson, Detroit, Mich., and how gratifying it must be to huddles to have their wives acknowledge their ownership of them by signing themselves with their hubby's given name, and then, woman like, to have her spill it all by favoring us with a sly peep at her little old family skeleton—the wifely money question! Mrs. Vesey, the idea of your giving me such a back-handed, deadly hint about my counting on you as an able ally. Surely "frailty thy name is" (married) woman. And yet she "acknowledged the corn" very handsomely.

Mrs. Married Lady from Sullivan, Ill.—Getting pretty close to home—your happy home symphony was all very beautiful but it lacked the staccato of baby voices. Better it, I beg of you, if you have to take into your home and heart one or two of the many homeless "war babies" crying for homes that are not.

Terpsichorean lady who questions the propriety of

living with her elderly husband whom she has ceased to love, and longing for her old career, don't "gag at a gnat and swallow a camel." Observation and open confession of interested parties themselves convince me that if your scruples prevailed ninety per cent of our homes would be out of business. How many husbands and wives where I've "boarded around" have confessed to me their reverence for God-given parental love which held their homes together when mere tolerance had replaced sex love for their mates. Don't you do it.

Don't any of you uns tell her I told you but Miss B., land of Goshen, California, actually had the assurance to send me her snapshot upon the very thin pretext of showing probably her possession of the seven-teen matrimonial scraps she boasted—really hoping by long-distance fascination to secure another scalp to even up her dozen and a half. Not on your life, Cleo. Tote out that little old asp of yours and get busy. Your Octavius has ariv.

Oh, Mrs. Wilkinson, that "pipe dream" of yours! Mr. I, a Benedict, with a little wifely all my own and being "trained," I, who have always trained! And oh the nightmare implication of my walking the nightly floor with a squirming, qualling, red-faced, bald-headed bud of humanity, as I've known being done! Dante in his subterranean excursion never "seed" nothing to compare with it.

Lean over this way a bit, Mrs. Old Subscriber from sunny Tennessee, and let me put the laurel wreath upon your brow. Any married woman of your sense and tact and honesty is fit to reign with kings or, better, these democratic days, to queen it over an American home with hubby and kiddies and all most worth living for. The divorce question and that of married matrimony would soon lapse into innocuous desuetude were all your married sisters of your evident sense and poise. BACHELOR BILL.

Bachelor Bill.—One of the most tiresome persons to meet is he who persists in bragging about his appendicitis operation—when you want to tell him all about yours; the other is the conceited male person who thinks that every woman who looks at him twice has matrimonial designs upon him. Now, Bill, please don't be that kind of a person. If you are I shall repent of my "pipe dream" regarding you for I wouldn't want to "wish" you onto my worst enemy—you know, the one who says about you, "Yes-s-s, she's a good woman, but—I'm kinda sorry for her husband."

Ed.

LURAY, VA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: After reading the January number of COMFORT I feel like saying something for Uncle Charlie's Home Fund. We owe our thanks to Mr. Ellis and Mr. McDonald for calling our attention to the work in hand. How thoughtful we sisters have been, but we aren't going to be any more, are we? Let's give what we can and show our appreciation for him now. See what he has done and is doing for the good of humanity! If you can't give much, give a little. He will appreciate that. I'm sending my mite now. SISTER PRINCE.

HANGEN, WIS.

DEAR SISTERS ALL: I tried the door once but found it fastened on the inside, so have waited long for courage to try again. I have taken COMFORT since I was thirteen years old and that attention to the work in hand. I have been married nearly eight years and have one child.

I used to be a next door neighbor to Pearl Vesey but she has left old Wisconsin so we are neighbors no more. That is, there was one county between us but that's neighbors in the Sisters' Corner when we are all scattered so, isn't it?

If any of the sisters who joined Pearl Vesey's E. E. D. circle read this and happen to have the budget I would be glad if they would please return the picture at No. 2. Pearl wrote she could get no track of the budget at all. They were pictures I should like to keep.

Will leave my address with Mrs. Wilkinson. A READER

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS: Your publication has for years been all to me that the name implies and I would like to ask the Sisters and "Brothers" (quite likely the men can answer this more satisfactorily than the ladies) to give me their opinions to the following questions as so much depends on the answers that I receive and may be a help to other sisters who have wondered over the same problems.

To begin with I will give you some idea as to my personal appearance, being five feet and four inches in height, weight between one hundred and twenty-five and one hundred and thirty, dark hair and grey eyes. This isn't much in my favor but may help you to know me. The worst of all, I am a divorcee. You cannot hate this more than I. A position, I think, every girl is ashamed to be placed in.

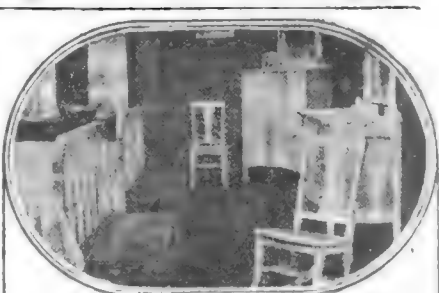
After my divorce, I returned to my mother and for a long time never went out with men, being afraid people would talk if I began keeping company too soon after regaining "my freedom."

What I really wish to know is: Do men ever have a pure love for a girl who has been divorced and have they the same respect for her that they do for a girl who has never known matrimonial troubles?

Are they so prejudiced or suspicious, they are afraid the "divorcee" could not be as dear a mother and a lover of home as the other girl?

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# Summer Clothes for the Little Children

## Batiste Dress with Filet Trimming

**D**RESSING the children daintily in spite of the scarcity and high price of Hamburgs and laces is not at all impossible to hand-workers who love to crochet or use the tatting shuttle. These forms of decoration and also smocking and cross-stitching are so popular for little folks' things that ready-made dresses even have at least a touch of hand work.

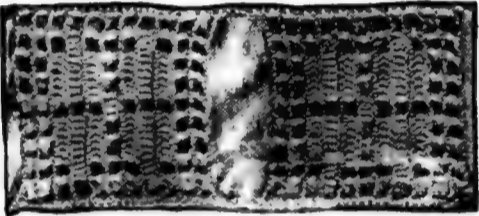
### Insertion

Materials—Three yards batiste, four spools No. 70 white mercerized crochet cotton, No. 13 steel hook.

Ch 25 sts, turn.  
1st row.—3 sps, 1 blk of 4 d c, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.  
2nd row.—2 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
3rd row.—1 sp, 1 blk, ch 2, 1 d c under ch 3, ch 2, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 3, turn.  
4th row.—1 blk, ch 3, 1 d c under ch 2, 1 d c on d c, 1 d c under ch 2, ch 3, 1 blk, ch 5, turn.  
5th row.—1 sp, 1 blk, ch 2, 1 d c, ch 2, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.  
6th row.—Same as 2nd row.  
7th row.—Same as 1st row. Repeat pattern.

### Spider-Web Edging

Ch 71 sts, turn.  
1st row.—4 sps, 1 blk, 7 sps, 1 blk, 7 sps, 1 blk, ch 7, turn.  
2nd row.—1 blk on end sp in last row, ch 3, sk 1 blk, 1 blk on next sp, 5 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, 1 blk, 5 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.  
3rd row.—2 sps, \* 1 blk, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 3, 1 blk, 3 sps, repeat from \* over the 2 webs, ending with 1 sp, ch 7, turn.  
4th row.—\* 1 blk in sp, ch 5, 1 d c under ch, 1 d c on d c, 1 d c under ch, ch 5, 1 blk, 1 sp, repeat from \* twice, ch 3, turn.  
5th row.—1 blk, ch 5, 5 d c over 3 d c, ch 5, 1 blk, repeat twice, ch 5, turn.  
6th row.—1 blk under ch 5, ch 5, 3 d c, ch 5, 1 blk, repeat twice, ch 5, turn.  
7th row.—2 sps, 1 blk, ch 3, 1 d c, ch 3, 1 blk, 3 sps, repeat over 2 webs ending with blk under ch 5 in last web, ch 5, turn.  
8th row.—1 blk under ch 3, ch 2, 1 blk, 5 sps, repeat, ending with 3 sps, ch 5, turn.  
9th row.—Same as 1st row.  
Repeat the pattern. For scallop, fasten thread



NARROW BEADING.

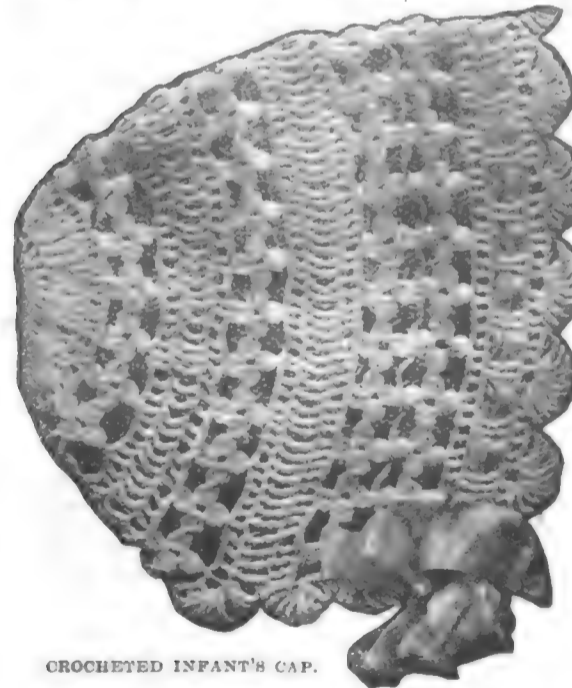
in end of 1st row, 1 scallop of 13 d c under ch at end of 2nd row, 1 scallop under ch end of 4th row, 1 under ch end of 6th row, 1 under ch end of 8th row, repeat around each point working next under 2nd row of 2nd point.

The edging on the sleeves is made the same as in the insertion, only 2 webs deep. Scallop as directed for wide edging.

As illustrated, this little garment is all hand made, the tucks and hems being hemstitched. The insertion bands are left loose, as shown, for about a three-inch space, so that the sash may be slipped beneath.

## Crocheted Infant's Cap

Material—White silkateen and suitable steel hook.



CROCHETED INFANT'S CAP.

Beginning in center of crown wind thread around middle finger 10 times, working over this make 48 s c, join.

2nd round.—Ch 4, sk 1 st, 1 tr (thread over hook 3 times), ch 1, sk 1, 1 tr c, repeat and join to first ch. There should be 29 tr c and 30 sps.  
3rd round.—Ch 5, 2 r sts, thread over hook 20 times, in first sp (r st, roll stitch, throw the thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread over, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; o, over, thread over hook the number of times indicated). Repeat making 2 r sts in each sp, join, ch 2.  
4th round.—1 d c, ch 1, between each r st, join, ch 3.  
5th round.—Ch 4, 2 tr c in first st of ch 4, ch 4, 2 tr c in first of ch 4, ch 3, 1 st in same st with trebles, ch 4, 2 tr c in same st with last trebles, ch 2, 1 st in same st, ch 4, 2 tr c in same st, ch 3, 1 st in same st, ch 3, 1 st in same st, ch 3, 1 st in same st.

starting point. This makes 1 daisy. Sl st over 5 or 6 sts and repeat making 15 daisies in all. Join the second petal of the second daisy to the fourth petal of the first daisy. Join and break thread.  
6th round.—Join to center of third petal of



BATISTE DRESS WITH FILET TRIMMING.

first daisy, ch 9 or 10 as seems best and join to next daisy. Repeat around.  
7th round.—Ch 5, sk 1 ch, 1 tr c in next ch, ch 2, sk 1, 1 tr c in next. Repeat.  
8th round.—Ch 5, 1 r st, o 15 times in first sp, ch 2, 1 r st, repeat in each sp, join.  
9th round.—Ch 5, 1 tr c between rolls, ch 2, 1 tr c. Repeat around.  
10 round.—23 or 24 daisies, make as in 5th round, only with 7 or 8 sts between. Join, break thread.

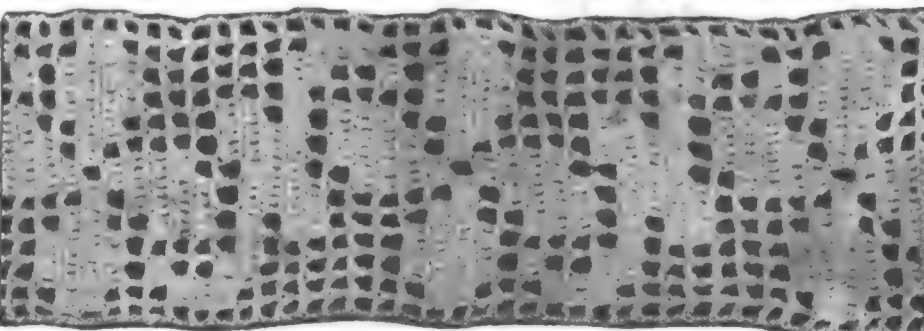
11th round.—Same as 6th round, making chs 8 between daisies. In next 3 rounds do not work only to daisy in center of back.  
12th round.—Same as 7th round.  
13th round.—Same as 8th round.  
14th round.—Same as 9th round.  
15th and 16th rounds.—22 or 23 daisies each, with 7 sts only between first row of daisies.  
17th round.—Ch 7, 1 s c in center of each daisy.  
18th round.—Trebles as in 7th round.  
19th round.—Roll sts as in 8th round.  
20th round.—Trebles as in 7th round.  
Finish the edge all around with scallops of 10 r sts (o 20 times), worked in every 7th or 8th sp.  
Run ribbon through r st border around the front and finish with ribbon rosettes.

## Wild Rose Filet Insertion

Begin with ch 45 sts.  
1st row.—1 d c in 9th st from hook, ch 2, sk 2, 1 d c (1 sp), 5 more sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.  
2nd row.—1 blk, 2 sps, 3 blks, 6 sps, ch 5, turn.  
3rd row.—6 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
4th row.—5 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
5th row.—4 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
6th row.—5 blks, 1 sp, 5 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.  
7th row.—2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 4 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.  
8th row.—2 sps, 2 blks, 2 sps, 2 blks, 6 sps, ch 5, turn.  
9th row.—2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 3 blks, 6 sps, ch 5, turn.  
10th row.—6 sps, 3 blks, 2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.  
11th row.—1 blk, 2 sps, 2 blks, 7 sps, ch 5, turn.  
12th row.—4 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.  
13th row.—2 sps, 7 blks, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.  
14th row.—5 sps, 3 blks, 5 sps, ch 5, turn.  
15th row.—4 sps, 7 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
17th row.—2 blks, 4 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.  
Repeat pattern from first row.

## Rose Filet Insertion

Ch 36 sts.  
1st row.—10 sps, ch 5, turn.



WILD ROSE FILET INSERTION.

2nd row.—4 sps, 2 blks, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.  
3rd row.—3 sps, 1 blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.  
4th row.—2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
5th row.—Same as last row.

6th row.—2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
7th row.—1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.  
8th row.—2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.

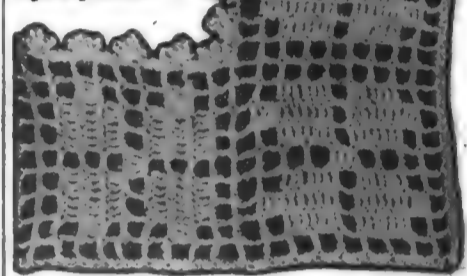
Two rows of 9 sps each and repeat pattern.  
To turn a corner after completing a pattern, make 1 row 9 sps, ch 6, and on the side make 1 d c in the end of last row, ch 2, 1 d c in end of next row. Repeat making 9 sps along side of pattern, ch 5, turn, 2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn and repeat pattern.

Finish the neck edge with 3 picot chs over every other sp, sl st over sps between beading. The narrow beading is exactly the same as the yoke with this exception. After completing a pattern and two rows of sps, ch 30, 1 d c, ch 5, turn, 9 sps, ch 30, 1 d c, ch 5, turn, 2 rows of sps and repeat pattern.

## Wide Beading.

Two rows, 13 sps, ch 5, turn.  
3rd row.—3 sps, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.  
4th row.—2 sps, 4 blks, 1 sp, 4 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
5th row.—Same as 3rd row.  
6th row.—8 sps, 1 blk, 6 sps, ch 5, turn.  
7th row.—Same as 3rd row.  
8th row.—Same as 4th row.  
9th row.—Same as 3rd row.

Two rows of 13 sps, ch 46, 1 d c, ch 5, 13 sps on ch, ch 45, 1 d c. Two rows of sps and repeat pattern.



CHILD'S SQUARE YOKE IN FILET.

Beadings which are to be used over waistbands of little dresses instead of being set in between two edges look and wear much better if a row of single crochet is added to each side.

## Crocheted Baby Cap.

White mercerized crochet cotton No. 25 was used for this model, which measures about 14 inches around the face.

Begin with ch 9, join in ring.  
1st row.—Ch 4, 32 d c in ring, join to ch 4 with a sl st.

2nd row.—Ch 5, \* sk 1 d c, 1 d c in next, ch 2, repeat from \*, join to first ch 5.

3rd row.—1 s c in sp, ch 7, a quintuple treble (thread over 6 times), ch 6, fasten in same sp with s c, repeat. In last sp leave top st of quint tr on hook and make a triple (o 4 times) instead of 6.

4th row.—Ch 5, 1 s c, just above quint tr in last row, repeat.

5th row.—1 d c in each st.

6th row.—Ch 5, \* sk 2 d c, 1 d c in next st, ch 4, 1 d c in same st, leaving last loop on hook to be worked off with next d c. Repeat from \* and join. If one does not come out even at end sk 1 d c instead of 2.

7th row.—Sl st to center of ch 4, ch 5, fasten under next ch with an s c, repeat around.

8th row.—Sl st up ch 5, ch 3, 2 d c under same ch, \* ch 4, 3 d c under next ch, repeat from \*, join to ch 3.

9th row.—Sl st up ch, ch 4, \* 1 d c under next ch, ch 4, 1 d c under same ch, leaving last loop on hook to be worked off with next d c. Repeat from \* and join.

10th row.—Like 5th row.

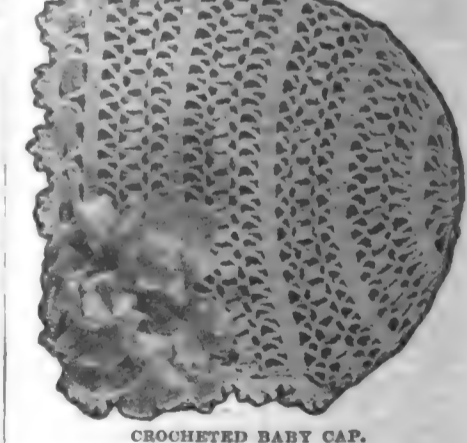
11th row.—Like 9th row only make ch 3 between 1st d c and ch.

12th and 13th rows.—Like 7th and 8th rows.

14th row.—Sl st to center of ch, \* ch 4, fasten under next ch, repeat.

15th row.—Like 9th row.

16th row.—Like 5th row. Leave 7 loops for



CROCHETED BABY CAP.

back, break thread and start at opposite side of work.

17th row.—Like 6th with ch 3 between and sk 3 d c.

18th row.—Ch 5, fasten under ch 3, repeat across, fasten under last chain, ch 4, a d c on d c, turn.

19th row.—Like 8th row from \*.

20th row.—Loops of ch 4 across, fasten under last ch, ch 3, 1 d c.

21st row.—Like 17th row. Break thread.

22nd row.—Like 5th row. Break thread.

23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th rows.—Like 17th row.

28th row.—Like 5th row. Continue around sides and back with loops of ch 5, fastened with 1 s c.

Beading around Front  
Ch 8, a d tr c in end d c leaving last loop on hook, sk 5 d c, 1 d tr c in next, work off extra loop with last ch 5, repeat, ch 8, fasten at opposite end.

Finishing with a scallop of 3 d c, 1 p, 1 d c, 1 p, 1 d c, 1 p, 3 d c, 1 s c, repeat. Continue across back to starting point.

WAISTLINE BEADING.

next, 2 sts, 1 d c on d c, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
5th row.—2 sps, 1 blk, 1 sp, 2 blks, 1 sp, 1 blk, sl st over 4 d c, ch 3.  
6th row.—1 blk, 2 sps, 1 blk, 3 sps, ch 5, turn.  
7th row.—4 sps, 2 blks, ch 5, turn.  
8th row.—6 sps.  
9th and 10th rows.—4 sps, 2 blks.  
11th row.—6 sps.  
Repeat pattern from 2nd row.

## Filet Yoke and Beadings

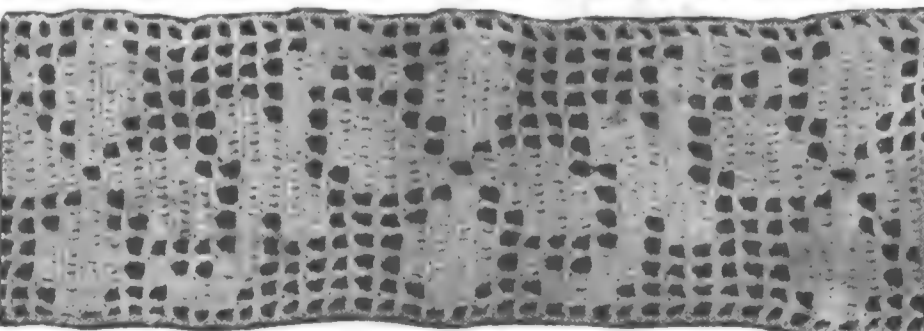
Little dresses of either white or colored material may be made very attractive by the addition of filet yokes and beading at the waistline and to finish sleeves.

The patterns here shown are simple and may be copied very readily.

No. 40 or 50 cotton would be better than anything finer for gingham or crepe dresses.

## Square Yoke in Filet

Ch 33 sts, turn.  
1st row.—9 sps, ch 5, turn.  
2nd row.—2 sps, 2 blks (7 d o), 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
3rd row.—1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, 3 blks, 1 sp, ch 5, turn.  
4th row.—2 sps, 2 blks, 1 sp, 2 blks, 2 sps, ch 5, turn.  
5th row.—4 sps, 1 blk, 4 sps, ch 5, turn.



WILD ROSE FILET INSERTION.

## The Lilies of France

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open a human body, and let its soul out, and I, little Nellie Bentley, am helping to make them." Long she pondered over the horror of it; then she began to read the papers, to listen to the voices of the people. Belgium, desecrated wives and mothers, ruined homes, mutilated babies! She thought of her own dimpled darling. No, the horror was not here; it was over there, and these weapons of life and death which she was helping to fashion were for the healing of the nations.

"I am working with God," she whispered softly. The thrill of her heart swept her like a mighty wind.

Joe? Nellie never doubted that Joe had found work for his powerful strength. Well she knew his unrest; well she knew how the clarion call from Over There would appeal to Joe.

It was on a battlefield of France that Joe Bentley awoke to the dignity of the work of his mighty hands. They had been marching all night to a new field of operation, one as yet untouched by the barbarian war. Just as the sun came over the tops of the trees on the little hillside, it rested in glory on a field of lilies, the lilies of France.

Joe, big, uncouth, weary with the night's marching, looked at the pure beauty of that field of wonder, and something stirred within his breast that he had never known before. Among the nodding lilies he could see Nellie's face, and the helpless, precious burden that she carried in her arms. He glanced around shyly at his companions; they were all strangely silent as they gazed.

Joe was not a Catholic; it is doubtful if he had ever given any religion a serious thought, but he made the sign of the cross on his forehead with his hand, as he had seen others do, as he gazed, for he had a feeling that God was there.

Later that day he saw that field of lilies once again; it was all crushed and broken, and the whiteness of the lilies was lost in crimson stain. A great feeling of desolation crept over him.

"Where is God?" he whispered fiercely, his great fists doubling at his sides. He wished that he had written to Nellie.

The great war rolled over more than the lilies of France. Day after day Joe fought bravely; he was wounded; in the hospital, then back in the field to fight again. First he had been Joe Bentley, private, then he had crept up the ladder until he could write Lieutenant Bentley. Yet he felt only a dull pride in his achievements; he had done something, but not enough. Those blood-stained lilies still called for sacrifice.

Back in her tiny sitting-room, Baby Bess on the floor at her side, Nellie read of the courageous deeds of Lieutenant Joe Bentley and his men, and she knew that she had news of her husband. Her heart thrilled as she read; it was "her man" who had been brave. Unconsciously she connected his deeds of valor with the glory of the sunset lights from the great church win-

dow; she felt that she had touched something holy. She put a hand to her heart to stop its throbbing.

After that her daily work took on graver meaning. She must fill the hands of "her man" over there. Once more, though separated by thousands of miles, they were working together. The bitterness in her heart was giving place to love again, the love that cannot die, but often gets mislaid.

Then came the awful day of The Marne, when thousands of brave men tasted death that Victory might push aside the horrors of war. There were no lilies of France that day; beauty had died, that Peace might live.

When the darkness came down over the battlefield, Joe, Lieutenant Joe Bentley, lay huddled under the stars that knew no war. His body was broken and useless, but his soul had glimpsed into the Great Beyond, and it was very glad.

He had fallen into unconsciousness before the stretcher-bearers found him. He roused only long enough to whisper brokenly:

"The lilies—I helped—to make—them white."

Of course, they did not understand, but nothing seemed strange on the battlefields of France.

Long were the days when he must lie still and let others do the work he called his own, but in the nights, when pain would not let him sleep, he remembered, not the grotesque tortured faces he had seen, not the long, rough roads he had wearily trod, not the skulking enemy he must make his own, but the nodding lilies, pure and white, touched with the glory of the rising sun.

"Victory is going to be just like that," he assured himself. "There was something more than lilies in the field that morning. Maybe God is up in the heaven as they say, but I know that He comes down to earth when we need Him bad enough. He was there among those lilies; I know it; I felt Him in my heart."

When they told him that he could not go back to the battlefield again he passed one of the bitterest weeks he had ever known; then he began to plan to return to Nellie and their child. They did not seem so far away to him; in his weakness he often thought Nellie was bending over him. He would reach out his one bandaged hand toward her, but she always slipped away. As he grew stronger he knew that she would not come to him. He had left her; it was he who must return. He could not write, for the great hands were helpless now; one he would leave behind, and the other was still swathed in bandages; so he waited, growing strong within, though he was weak enough still without.

Did you hear the bells aringing, all in tune? Did you feel the throb of nations in the air?

Over the battle-scarred land, across the seas where the heart of every nation sang with gladness, swept the peal of the bells. The wolf of war was slain and Peace reigned once more over the land. Never had the bells such a story to tell! Never had they rung into the world such a message of joy!

Lieutenant Bentley listened to the wild cheers that came through the windows near his cot. He looked down at the one great fist left him, now free from its bandages though scarred, and

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smiled happily. He had helped to ring the bells! Once again he saw that field of nodding lilies; they were lifting their bruised heads, and shaking away the stain.

Across the great waters, Nellie paused in her work to listen to the pealing of the bells, and to the mighty cheer that went up from her fellow-workers. Amidst it all, her heart went out to Joe, her Joe, as she crowded out into the sunlight with the throngs of wildly excited people.

"Peace has come!" they cried; it seemed that the very heavens would be rent with their cheering. That which they had once held in the hollow of their hands, and counted as of little worth, now filled them with infinite gladness.

"Peace has come!" sang the bells.

Then across the ocean came the hospital ships, bringing the heroes home, men who had fought to make peace holy; men who had fought to make us free.

It was Easter in the Great Year of the New Peace. Listen to the singing of the bells!

Down the familiar, narrow street came Joe Bentley, Lieutenant Joe. Tip-tap went the crutch that assisted his wounded knee as he hastened along. In his great heart first a song of gladness mingled with the pealing of the bells, then a shiver crept after, for Nellie might not be glad to see the deserter back; Nellie might not know that he had helped to rescue the lilies of France.

Up the stairs softly tip-tapped Joe. The door was standing open; he could hear Nellie's voice as she sang to her child:

"—the beauty of the lilies—"

Joe caught his breath quickly as the sweet words floated down to him. Did Nellie know about the white lilies, the lilies of France, after all? He waited for the next words.

"He died to make men free."

A moment later Joe stood framed in the doorway, his thin face drawn and white. His armistice still awaited signature.

Then Nellie saw him. With a glad cry she sprang forward, then paused, her eyes holding him. Private Joe was her man; she dared no familiarity with the soldierly Lieutenant Bentley who saluted from the doorway. She waited for him to speak.

"Nellie, girl," he said, "when I left you and the baby yonder I was a craven coward. I'll never be a coward again, my girl, and I've learned what love is; but it is for you to say whether you will take me back or not. Wait!" as she sprang forward. "I've been over there, as one arm is gone; but I did my bit. They made me Lieutenant Bentley, and there's a medal you may like to see. Oh, Nellie girl! It was your face I saw in a field of lilies one day, and then I knew all that I had lost. Can you ever forgive me, and take me back, me a broken man, but loving?"

With a little cry Nellie folded him close in her strong young arms.

Above her bended head Joe saw the field of nodding lilies, once more pure and white.

For Nellie the sunset glories of the great church window filled her tiny home with a radiance divine.

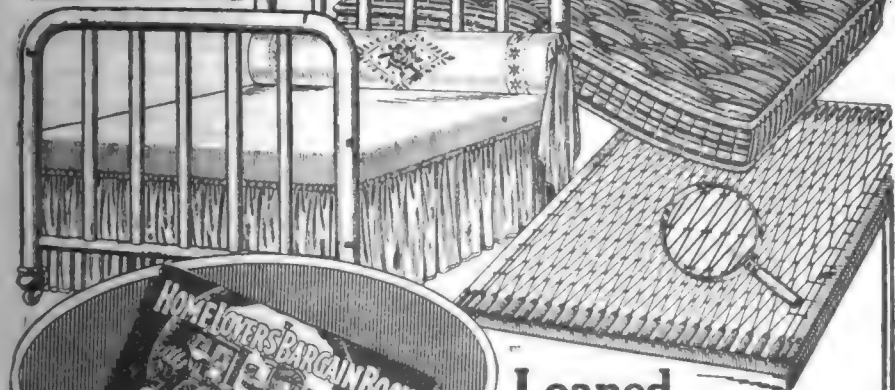
Thus again the splendor of the sunlight touched with wonder the white lilies of France.

Do you hear the bells aringing?

"Glory to God in the Highest! Peace has come!"

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### The Muffler

**T**HE explosion inside the cylinder which forces the piston down to deliver power to the crankshaft is an expansion of gases. It is a well-known fact that if an explosion takes place in a confined space, the escaping gas will be of a higher pressure than the surrounding air and the noise created will be proportionate to the difference in the two pressures. Take as an example a revolver of 22 caliber and another gun of 45 caliber. Needless to state that the report of the 45-caliber weapon is considerably louder than the one from the 22-caliber gun. This is due to the difference in the pressures when admitted into the surrounding air.

The explosions in the internal combustion motor create gas of great pressure which must be released from the cylinder so that it might go on with its work. This high-pressure gas has served its purpose in the motor and is, therefore, turned loose into the air.

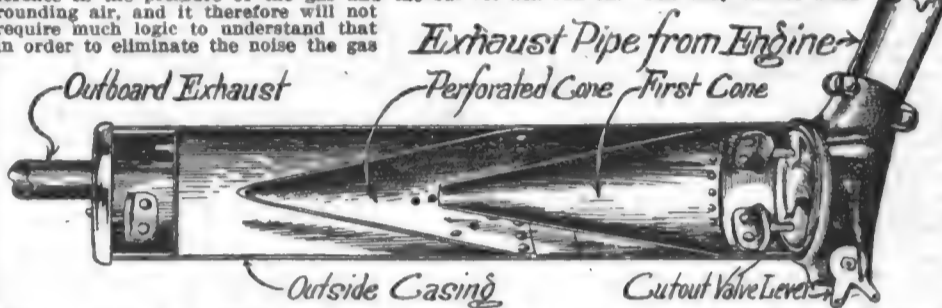
When it is considered that for average driving anywhere from 600 to 1200 explosions to the minute might take place within the cylinder, it will be appreciated why most cities and towns object to the noise and have made laws which require the use of mufflers in connection with all internal combustion motors.

As above stated, the noise is due to the difference in the pressure of the gas and the surrounding air, and it therefore will not require much logic to understand that in order to eliminate the noise the gas

connect them so they can be operated from the driver's seat. The reason for this is that it has been determined by tests that no additional power is to be gained by not passing the exhaust gases through the muffler. The muffler will handle the gases from all but very high-speed motors without any appreciable back pressure. Practically the only reason for installing the cut-out is that it assists the mechanic by cutting out the muffler so that he can determine by the reports the operative condition of each cylinder.

### Care of New Cars

It is human nature for the owner to take exceptional care of anything new. However, the owner often will injure the finish of a car when in his own belief he is taking the best of care to preserve it. Factories at this writing are greatly behind in production and in a great many instances bodies are allowed to leave on which the paint is not thoroughly hardened. In little time dust will settle on the finish and frequently the owner will wipe it off with a soft cloth. This practice will injure the finish and should be discouraged. Dusting the new car will invariably scratch the finish and it can never be worked out. There is but one safe and satisfactory method of getting rid of the dust and that is to run it off with a slow stream of cold water. Allow the water to soften the dust and it will run off. The body can be dried



with a clean chamolai which has been wrung out of clear, cold water. After the body has been washed several times in the manner outlined above the finish will undoubtedly become sufficiently set to permit dusting with a soft cloth, such as cheese-cloth, etc.

### Care of Tires

Winter is hard on tires. Ruts are like emery cloth, and wear away the rubber tread at the sides of the casing, pieces of ice present razor edges, chains if improperly adjusted cut into the tread, etc. Spring is the customary time to give the car the "once over" preparatory to the summer driving season. The owner will, therefore, do well to carefully inspect the tires and vulcanize tire rubber into the tread at points showing wear, cuts, etc. The only purpose served by the rubber tread is to protect the inner fabric. If the cuts are allowed to remain open it is only to be expected that the elements will have their swing, causing sandblasters, blowouts and expense. A stitch in time saves nine.

### Profit in Keeping Bees

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help a little. Mine was, at the very start, a most virulent type of bee fever. The beekeeper from whom my first colony was purchased charged me \$5.00 for a little weak colony of black bees in an eight-frame hive. There was only about a pint of bees; and this was about the first of May. It is hard to say which was the bigger fool. I paid the five cheerfully; and would have paid ten with an equal degree of gladness.

No doubt if you look around a little you can find colonies which may be purchased for five dollars. One man near here sold twelve colonies last spring for \$3.75 each. A prospective beekeeper in Indiana tells me he can buy bees in his locality at \$5.00 per colony. Many of my own colonies were bought a few years ago at \$2.00 each. Quite often a beekeeper will throw in extra supers and sections and ends to get them out of the way. It is safe to say that \$15.00 to \$20.00 should give you a start.

Notice the illustration of the lady putting sections in an upper story. In this picture you will observe that there are as many styles of hives as there are hives. That's bad. Don't pay much for bees in such hives. If you are going to keep bees in an up-to-date way, you will have to discard the hives as fast as you have transferred the bees into their new quarters.

In imagination, we will open up one of these hives and look at the contents. The frames are very likely not of the Hoffman self-spacing kind; but what are called loose hanging; that is, they have to be spaced carefully by the beekeeper each time he handles the colony. These frames are probably glued together with an accumulation of burr-combs, making it difficult to examine the bees. If the frames are removed one by one, it will be found that some of them are more or less largely filled with drone comb. That means an army of drones instead of workers for the honey flow. There are thousands of colonies in making hives all over the country; so be careful in making your purchases and do not pay too much. If you can, get a beekeeper to go with you to help make the selection and to guard against getting bees affected with foul brood, a bee disease regarded as the beekeeper's most dreaded enemy.

Of course, having bought a colony of bees, it becomes necessary to choose the kind of hive in which you expect to place all of your bees as they increase; for nothing simplifies beekeeping more than uniformity of fixtures. Get the ten-frame dovetailed hive with 9 9-16 depth hive body. The metal covered, telescoping cover with an inner cover, which may be used as a bee-escape, is the best. This inner cover may be filled with newspapers in the fall; which helps to keep the bees warm. That saves honey. Also, it helps brood rearing in cool weather. It does not warp and twist and it excludes robbers. Be sure to specify that your hive bodies are to be 16 1/4 inches wide. The 16-inch width is too narrow. After brood frames are gummed up a little with propolis the 16 1/4 inch will be just right. The best super for comb honey production is the one fitted with 4 1/4 x 1 1/2 inch two-beeway sections. For a time, a great many of us were in favor of the plain section with the fence separator; but some good beekeepers, after giving both a trial, prefer the two-beeway section mentioned above. The fence separator is very fragile. The little cleats are glued onto the separators; and so are the end pieces. The cleats should be nailed in place and, in time, will come loose, cause the fence to collapse and make the beekeeper sputter. Having

decided on the hive and super you want, stick to it. All of the supply manufacturers are making the dovetailed hive with Hoffman self-spacing frames, with endbars punctured for wiring, so you are not likely to go astray.

With bees bought, a sight must be chosen for the apiary. This should be a place sheltered from the cold, northerly winds. Anything that effectively breaks the force of the wind will do, such as forests, hedge rows, buildings. But it is not always possible to place bees where they will be sheltered from cold winds; and in that case the hives will have to be left exposed. But there is still a way to protect them. "How?" With bees. "What do you mean?" Keep colonies extra strong. It is astonishing how much cold a powerful colony of bees will endure. One of our yards is unavoidably exposed to the cold northwest winds, and yet in May, 1919, about six weeks after setting out from the cellar, a good many colonies were boiling over with bees and ready to swarm. Face colonies to the south. Some very good beekeepers face their hives to the east under the mistaken notion that the light, shining directly into the entrance, will entice the bees out to the fields earlier. It is not light; but it is light and warmth and a flow of honey which, combined, cause the bee to fly early. What careful observer among bees, has not noticed that, sometimes, regardless of light and warmth, bees do not go to the fields in large numbers until 10 A. M. It is evident that the nectaries are not secreting nectar in large quantities until that time.

The elderly gentleman holding a frame in his hands is having a good time amid his pleasant surroundings, isn't he? But he has made a mistake in placing his bees rather high and in omitting an alighting board to enable the bees to get to the entrance easily in a heavy honey-flow and in cool weather. The bee-shed containing two colonies, shown in the illustration, is another sample of a mistake in the same line. A hive stand about six inches high with a slanting front and with the grass cut is the best. Have things that way if you can.

With new hives bought, it is necessary to get them ready for swarms. "Shall I put starters, that is, narrow strips of foundation in sections, and brood frames or shall I put in full sheets?" Put in full sheets. It costs more but it is cheaper. Notice the illustration of the brood

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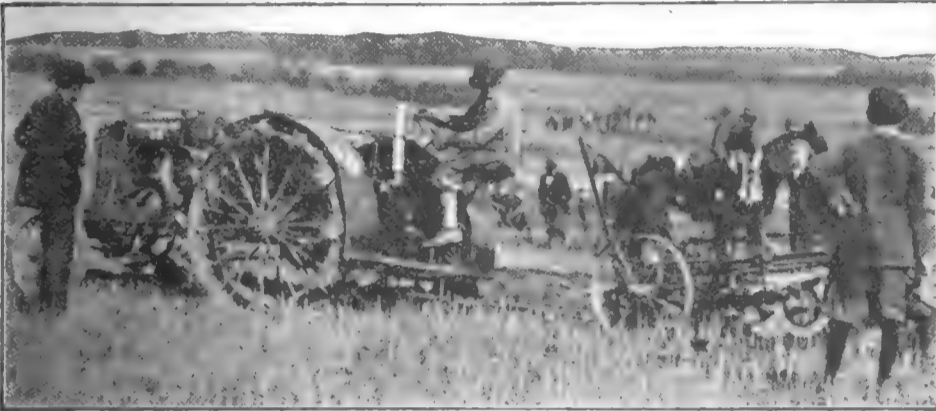


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Another source of information and instruction about farm implements that may be considered



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big family of workers. They are necessary, too, to keep the boys on the farm and to make things as pleasant as possible for the hired "help" who will quickly go elsewhere if they do not find every convenience at hand. It may also be added that up-to-date tools are necessary, both for the better working of small areas of land and profitable farming on a large scale.

### How to Study Implements

The man who is isolated upon the farm, or has little or no opportunity of talking his business over with intelligent neighbors, often is ill-informed regarding the wonderful improvements that, of recent years, have been made in agricultural implements and machines. But he readily can find out about them and even become fairly expert in choosing the best or most suitable for his personal needs and particularly soil and locality by reading and studying the fine, interesting and instructive catalogues to be had from the leading manufacturers. The names of these firms may be learned by referring to the advertising columns of COMFORT, and other farm papers, and a letter to each firm, stating that the writer is a reader of the paper, will promptly bring the desired catalogue free of cost.

It is also well for the farmer, after consulting available catalogues, to visit the store and yard of the implement dealer in the nearest village or town, and learn what "makes" he handles. He may find to his surprise and satisfaction that he has in stock the very implement he has decided from his reading is the one he wants. If that is true, buying at home often proves most profitable, as freight charges are less than had a single purchase to be made from the firm headquarters or a dealer living at a distance. If the desired implement is not found in stock, the dealer will be glad to order it, and especially so if he can be convinced that it has special merit,

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Finally, the state fair offers the best possible opportunity for the comparative study of a great assemblage of all sorts and makes of farm tools, implements and machines, and we always are pleased to note how earnest and interested thousands of farmers are in examining these varied exhibits.

### The Implement-Poor Farmer

There are three types of farmers who correctly may be accounted implement-poor.

The first of these is the man whose yards and buildings are littered with all kinds of old junk. He attends every deplorable sale of farm stock and tools, and hypnotized by the oily tongue of the auctioneer and jolled along by his bantering neighbors, buys things he doesn't need, cannot use, or that are not fit for use, and usually pays more than they are worth. A lot of the valuable time of this buyer of second-hand, scrapped and antiquated implements is spent or wasted in fixing and fitting them to sell over again or use when wanted. On this account he often gets behind in his work, and the old mower, harrow or other rickety machine probably breaks down just when it is most wanted. It would be well, indeed, for this type of farmer to sell all of his trash to the junk dealer at any price he can get for it, and buy a few good, modern, serviceable implements that will do his work efficiently and effectively.

The second implement-poor farmer is he who

Sometimes he can't properly put it together again, or it fails to work satisfactorily, and so is discarded. Such a man is foolish, extravagant, and rarely successful.

Lastly, there is the careless, shiftless man who buys good machines, well adapted for his work, uses them intelligently with good effect, and then leaves them to weather, depreciate, rust and rot just where he happens to unhitch his horses when the day's work and the job is finished. He has no implement shed. The new mower is pulled out and stored in the slough; the gaily painted harrow stands in an island of grass and weeds near the center of the stubble field or on a distant brushy headland. Nearby are the seeder, the disk, and the drag, and the orchard, the fence-sides and woodland all show their complement of machines in all stages of dilapidation and "innocuous desuetude." This man is a lavish buyer and bad waster of implements. He is disliked by the manufacturer and dealer, who admire, on the contrary, the wise man who buys carefully, and as carefully considers what he buys.

### The Wise Implement Owner

Wise, indeed, is the farmer who makes himself as thoroughly conversant with the various makes of machines and implements that he invests his money in those which are best adapted for his needs and of enduring quality. Such a man discards the old style machine when a newer one promises to do better and more profitable work, and then does his best at all times to keep the machine working perfectly without detrimental friction and wear of working parts. He also houses his property in such a way that it will not be damaged by exposure to the weather, and when the year's work is done stores each machine so that it will be ready for use when again required. He cleans, oils or greases all working parts and is not stingy in the matter of paint. Then you will see him making absolutely certain, long ahead of the time of need, that each machine is in good condition and fit for instant use.

The wise farmer buys the machines he actually needs and can use to advantage, chooses the types and makes best adapted for his type of soil and special crops, and then keeps depreciation down to a minimum. Every reader of COMFORT may well give those matters careful consideration and see to it that he is a member of the class of farmers here outlined as worthy of approbation.

### Stable Conveniences

Space will not permit of a detailed description of the many modern improvements to be found inside of the well-ventilated, light, concrete-floored stables now coming into use wherever farm animals are being improved by the use of pure-bred sires. When we speak of "light" stables we not only mean that there are plenty of windows for the entrance of sunlight, but electric lights or some other artificial light that makes work in the dark hours a pleasure. Where there is an electric plant on the farm it now is possible also to milk the cows by that power, for a new milking machine has been perfected that one wheels behind each pair of cows in turn, connects with the electric supply wire, and proceeds to extract the milk. This compact little machine works on the pulsating suction system and seems to milk effectually. The older plan is to milk by means of a machine operated by compressed air and a gasoline engine. Several types of milking machines are now on the market, and if kept clean and operated strictly in accordance with directions given by the manufacturer, they do their work well, and do not cause garget or dry off the cows. It is best, however, to strip the cows clean by hand after the machine has extracted practically all of the milk.

Cow stables where milking machines are used also are equipped with individual drinking cups, steel feed barrows, and manure trolleys and carriers which greatly lessen hand labor. In connection, too, is the modern silo, and in a room overhead or nearby is an engine and various forms of cutters and grinders for the preparation of feed. In short, the modern stable and barn are coming to be equipped as well as any factory with the machinery necessary to maximum production at minimum expense, saving of man power, and prevention of waste.

### Soil Tilling Implements

The preparation of a deep, fine, moist, mellow bed for the reception of seed is one of the most important operations of farming, and the man who is not equipped with effective implements is unable perfectly to do such work. He prepares a seed bed, but usually it is too shallow, or the soil is left too lumpy, so that the seed is covered imperfectly or buried while soil moisture is lost. When land was cheap and the demand for farm products less than it is today, these things did not matter so much; but now they are serious and to be obviated or remedied so far as possible. Not every man can own expensive implements, but those of old type or that have been worn out, for success, should be superseded by better ones.

### Trucks and Manure Spreaders

Many prosperous farmers now use motor trucks, and are loud in their praise. Such men feed off large numbers of animals each year and so have much heavy hauling to do. The fact that they live where roads have been improved also makes it possible to use trucks successfully. On the contrary, we have heard of instances where heavy trucks have been ordered off dirt roads in Virginia. They naturally run best on hard-surface roads and do not injure them materially. They save time and labor in such districts. As one user has said: "The truck greatly decreases the distance in time between farm and town, an item which may mean a good many dollars saved when there are hogs to be hauled on a hot summer morning." Some farmers emphasize the saving effected when motor trucks are used to market

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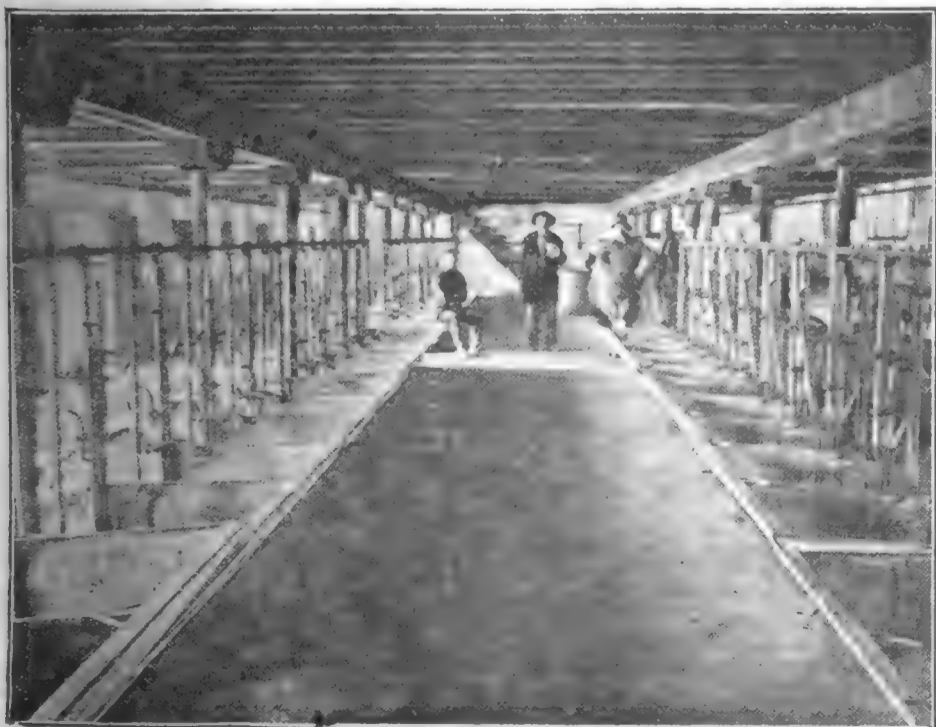
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or if several neighbors join in giving him a profitable order. Again, if there is no agent in the district who happens to handle a new machine or implement, a letter to the manufacturer, intimating that there would be a demand for the commodity, often will lead to the establishment

considers himself an expert mechanic and would rather be tinkering with bolts, nuts and bearings than doing the pressing work of his farm. He spends all he can scrape and even borrow in buying every new machine offered and proceeds to take it apart "to see how the wheels go round."

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## The Modern Farmer.

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The grain as it comes from the thresher in autumn. In some districts horses have been dispensed with in taking the grain from the separator. The sentiment seems to be in favor of one-ton motor trucks for ordinary farm use.

The manure spreader is one of the most popular implements on the modern farm, or it may be asserted that no farm is modern unless a manure spreader is used. It enables one man to haul and spread without assistance ten loads of manure or more, while five or six loads made up a good day's work when spreading was done by hand. The spreading also is very much better done than by hand. Experience teaches that it is better policy to spread the year's output of manure thinly upon a wide area of land than to spread it thickly on a small area. The spreader does the thin spreading evenly and quickly, and as many a farm makes from 100 to 200 loads of manure annually, the saving is immense when it can be quickly and evenly spread. The manure spreader can also be used to distribute lime and fertilizer by putting a layer of about an inch of wet straw on the apron to prevent the lime stone from sitting through. Another great advantage in favor of the manure spreader is that by daily use it keeps the stables clean and sanitary, which was not the case when manure was piled under the windows and in the stock yard.

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Several forms of straw-spreaders also have been perfected and are in use on large farms where years ago the straw was burned shortly after threshing. Some farmers bale straw and sell it for use in the army or city stables, but that is poor policy. The best way of disposing of straw is to feed that which is palatable, bright and straw especially, and use the remainder as bedding for animal purposes or spreading and plowing under. A special spreader makes it an easy matter to get the straw onto the fields, and it has been found profitable to utilize it in that way.

### Plowing the Land

Readers of COMFORT no doubt have seen pictures of great tractors hauling numbers of plows on the wide, level prairie wheat fields of the Northwest and Far West, or immense machines that not only harvest the crop when ripe but thresh and sack the grain at one operation. They are also aware that without such machines wheat raising on a large scale would be impossible or unprofitable in remote districts where farm hands are scarce and wages correspondingly high. To them such implements are a mere matter of curiosity or astonishment, and they may not be aware that for small farms such as theirs comparatively inexpensive modifications of such tools now are available.

The small farm tractor recently has been introduced and is fast coming into use. In Europe such tractors also are doing much of the farm work and in many places they are operated by women.

These tractors at first were intended principally for plowing, but now they not only do that work but furnish the power for threshing, silo filling, wood sawing and grain grinding. More recently special tractors have been devised that can be used to cultivate corn about as readily as a team of horses. A tractor of this type, with a cultivating or harvesting implement attached, forms one unit and is operated by one man. He sits on the implement at the center of all controls of both tractor and implement and can see the work he is doing. Formerly the implements were hauled by the tractor and often required a man or two to work them properly, in addition to the expert mechanic. The tractor now works ahead like a team of horses, but does not require the use of horses to complete its work. The entire outfit turns short, backs readily, and makes fence corners produce.

It may be said, however, that tractors thus far have, as a rule, only been bought and used by men who own comparatively large farms that are level and easy to work with such machines. It would seem advisable, too, that the man who is to invest in a tractor should have some ability as a mechanic so that he will be able to keep the machine in order and insure it a fairly long life of utility. It is most important in making such a purchase that the tractor chosen should have proved practical and profitable in the field, and it is therefore a good plan to select one that has been used to advantage in the district in which the purchaser lives, or that has been tried out and found practical by the agricultural engineers of the state agricultural experiment station.

### Requirements for Agricultural Tractors

The official report of the judges on extensive tractor trials held in England last September ends with some very practical suggestions which may be summarized as follows:

CONSTRUCTION.—It is deemed a great necessity that simplicity of construction should be very carefully considered in an agricultural tractor as such a machine has to be worked by men who have little mechanical knowledge and often at long distances from any place of repair. Strength is very important both in build and engine power, and it is best to have a considerable reserve of both, as through a sudden and great variation of land a heavy strain is often quickly imparted to the machine. The engine and as many of the working parts as possible should be well enclosed, as at work both dust and dirt have to be guarded against.

TRACTOR WHEELS IN FURROW.—While not convinced that it is in every case desirable to have one of the tractor wheels running in the furrow, the judges observed that when this is the case the tractor is more or less self-steering and allows the operator to devote more attention to the plow. The furrow wheels, however, should be of such a width as not to necessitate the making of too wide a furrow.

CATERPILLAR TRACKS.—The use of caterpillar tracks undoubtedly reduces the pressure per square inch on the land, and where well designed may permit of plowing under conditions where a wheeled tractor could not be used. There is, however, room for further investigation as to the wearing capacity of these tracks and as to whether an efficient system of protection of the wearing parts and their proper lubrication can be devised.

SPEED.—The judges gave it as their opinion that a tractor, to be satisfactory for all kinds of farm work, should have three speeds, varying from two to five miles an hour.

POSITION OF EXHAUST.—The exhaust should be so placed that it will not be a nuisance to the operator or have a deleterious effect upon the machinery attached to the tractor.

DRAW-BARS, ETC.—The desirability of spring attachments between the tractor and plough or other implements, combined with a release device in case of severe shocks, was emphasized. The draw-bar connections are still capable of improvement and these should admit of alterations both horizontally and vertically. The judges believe that these fittings should be an integral part of the tractor.

LIGHT-WEIGHT TRACTORS.—They were pleased to observe that a large number of the tractors which did good work were of comparatively light weight, and that the tendency of the makers is more and more in that direction.

### Horse Drawn Plows and Disks

Walking and gang plows to be pulled by horses also have been greatly improved of recent years. More important, perhaps, has been the improvement in the manner in which horses are used to operate plows, disks and drags. Better multiple hitches for eight, six and four-horse teams have been devised and have been illustrated in the farm papers and demonstrated in the field. They have proved the great flexibility in power in horses for farm work. Thus one eight-horse team on a double disk with a harrow behind may later be broken into two four-horse teams for seeding, or into one pair for planting and a four for harrowing and an extra pair for general work, or a little later into four separate teams for cultivating. "No other source of power in actual use on the farm," says Wayne Dinsmore, secretary of the Percheron Society of America, "has this flexibility, and the same applies to hauling; for, when six-horse teams are needed on heavy loads, they can be used readily, but can be broken into three teams and put on three separate jobs when necessity requires." He refers in these remarks to heavy draft horses of fine quality which are the only animals that can do farm work efficiently in competition with the tractor.

### Pulverizing Implements

To obtain "fine tilth," as it is called, or, in other words, finely pulverized soil, many different implements now are used according to the character of the soil. Heavy clay requires most careful and judicious handling. If it is plowed or disked when wet it may prove absolutely impossible to form a fine, porous seed bed, but plowed and disked at the right time, various kinds of harrows or drags soon get it into good condition. Spring-tooth and heavy drags do the heavy work and wood-frame lever harrows follow. An all-steel harrow cart is a new improvement. Walking after the harrows always was a most tiring

job, for to do good work the horses must be made to travel fast. Now the operator attaches the cart to any style of drag harrow, and it saves him many days' hard tramp. Such a cart with 24-inch wheels weighs 95 pounds.

Steel zigzag harrows are new and popular, especially for light soil in the wheat country of the Northwest. There are three sections and each has twenty teeth, and cuts three feet wide. Heavy oak frame harrows still are very popular. Sections are independently connected to the draw-bar with drop link clevises allowing flexibility. The 150-tooth harrow cuts 26 feet, has one center, two wide and two narrow side sections, and a four-horse draw-bar which is fitted with a sheave-pulley and roller chain draft-equalizer. It can be used as a 78-tooth or as a 102-tooth harrow by separating the sections and using a shorter draw-bar. Disk harrows, which are becoming more and more popular, now are made with or without tongues. A new type has cut-out disks, and one can also buy a reversible disk harrow and cultivator for corn and another type for use in orchards. The latter may be had with extensions and tree guards.

### Corn Crop Tools

What wonderful improvements have been made, in recent years, in all implements used for seeding, working and harvesting the corn crop. Two- and four-wheel sulky listers are now much in use and a combined lister and drill is available. One can also buy a serviceable one-horse power wheel corn drill, or a handy force feed cotton and corn planter. Then come the big flat and forced drop double-row corn planters, with check rower attachments now universally used in the big corn-fields of the Middle West, and one can buy a two-cylinder rotary seed corn grader so that the seed may be properly prepared to work well in the planter. A big two-row cotton and corn planter also is on the market, and we are glad to note the introduction of a powerful cotton and corn-stalk cutting machine for cleaning up a field for a small grain crop. Then, of course, there are several fine makes of corn cutting and binding harvesters and simpler ones that cut but do not bind, so that one need not do so much back-bending in cutting corn for silo filling.

Corn cultivators nowadays are a positive pleasure to operate, compared with the old-fashioned, crude walking cultivators we had to use thirty or forty years ago. The draft has been greatly lessened and the machine also is easier on the workman, while all manner of attachments have been devised, from shovels and disks to fine weed cutting teeth and knives. One can now work the crop level and form an effective dust mulch to conserve moisture, which is of great importance, or "plow" deeply, or throw the dirt up to the plants at will. The old tools should be at once discarded in favor of these newer, better, time-saving and yield-increasing cultivators.

### Silo Filling Machines


Filling the silo is a big job at best, and one that many farmers dread, but the manufacturers certainly have done their part in simplifying and lessening the labor necessary to harvest and store the silage corn crop for winter use. They have supplied low-wheeled truck wagons for hauling and all sorts of fine cutters and carriers and blowers, with devices also for wetting down too dry corn as it enters the blower. Gasoline and kerosene burning engines for the work also have been greatly improved, nor is the price so high that the prosperous farmer cannot afford such a machine to do his wood sawing, grain grinding, pumping, and even threshing, as well as silo filling. Where one farmer cannot afford to own a large outfit for such work, a number of farmers in one neighborhood can join in the purchase, and such "team work" rapidly is coming into vogue, and giving good satisfaction in many farm districts.

### Machine Handling the Potato Crop

It used to be one of the irksome jobs of each spring season to cut the potato "sets," but this work has been simplified by the use of improved cutting knives or a cutting box. Many growers, however, prefer to plant whole tubers and separate them with graders which screen out the smaller potatoes and hold in the large, fine ones for selling. The potatoes then are put in the ground by means of a modern planter which picks the tubers up with flexible fingers on an endless chain and sets them at correct depth and distance apart in the well-prepared soil. Then there are several different styles of row sprayers for the treatment of the growing vines to kill potato bugs and prevent early and late leaf blight. Some spray a number of rows at one time, but knapsack sprayers are provided for the small grower or gardener. Fine tools also have been devised for keeping the crop free from weeds and forming a surface mulch, and when the crop is ripe diggers are available which quickly raise the tubers and shake them free from earth and vines. The greatest improvements have of recent years been made in the horse-drawn digger, and it now is about perfect for work in mellow potato land and no longer mutilates the tubers.

### Haying by Machinery

Hay has become so scarce and dear that labor-saving devices more than ever have become imperative in the hay fields. Mowers have been increased in width of cutting bar, and decreased in draft and now do their work splendidly, and some of them even have been made readily adjustable for side-hill use. On one that we have noticed is a side-bunching or collecting device which makes it easier to follow with a self-loader. Where such a device is not used the side-delivery rake quickly puts the hay into rows for the loader. If the hay is not quite dry enough for loading or has been wetted by rain, efficient tedders may be used to shake it up, and then there are several forms of "sweeps," by means of which hay in large quantities may be carried to the stack with-



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out loading it on wagons. Such sweeps deliver onto other long-toothed holders which hoist the hay onto the stack, or should such stacks not be used, the new pattern forks or slings will raise a load onto the stack in two to four "bites." Great improvements also have been made in other implements for handling hay. One of them is a sliding top for the hayrack to use with the hay loader, a revolving hayrack for the same purpose, a drum hoist for pulling the hay rope for stacking or mowing into the barn, a tilting-platform mower for sliding the hay to either side of the mow as desired, and a ball-bearing swivel for fastening the end of the hay rope to the hay track carrier. This device prevents the hay rope from twisting when pulling up the hay, and is considered a great improvement. Another fine machine is the self-threading hay press, in which the wires for tying the bales are threaded through the press at the proper time by two arms and held until tied. This obviates the necessity of using blocks to separate the bales and of threading the wires by hand.

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**A**FTER such an overgrown winter as we have had, these April days, with the smell of spring in the air, make me so happy that I could dance a jig on the house-tops. Not that I ever have or really ever expect to, but I've heard of it being done and it is a belief of mine that whatever has been done before can be done again. That's a good point to remember, girls, instead of giving up a more worthy task as impossible. However, I won't horrify my neighbors by such an unladylike action but will devote my surplus energy to answering the heap of letters before me. The first is from

**PERPLEXED, Indiana**, who thinks I have a "girl or two of my own." No, dear, I haven't, but that doesn't prevent me from understanding and loving other girls. I try to be a mother to all girls since it isn't my good fortune to have children of my own—and a home and a Ford and a husband and a cat and a dog and a canary. Give your girl friend and the young man a chance to explain before judging either. I'm inclined to think he is telling the truth but have it out with both of them, at the same time if necessary. If she has lied to you she isn't worthy of your friendship and love, so don't let it hurt you too much. (2) There were one or two grammatical errors in your letter but on the whole it was above the average I receive.

**M. E. D., Pennsylvania**.—My, but she's greedy! A regular pig! In love with her uncle and also a young man of twenty who has a very rich father. She wants uncle's farm but if she marries him she can't marry this only child of a very rich father. I know something better than marrying either your uncle or the young man—marry his father!

**Max, Indiana**.—Don't talk to people; find out what they are interested in and let them talk to you. It's as much of an art to be a good listener as it is to be a good talker. (2) Books, silver pencils, or fountain pens, are gifts welcomed by the average man. (3) You aren't too tall.

**Brown Eyes, N. Mex.**—It doesn't do a bit of harm for a girl of sixteen to think of eloping with a "handsome young man" of seventeen, if she confines herself to merely thinking about it and doesn't do it. That's my advice and if you follow it you'll thank me some day.

**UNDECIDED, Mo.**—Whether or not you marry the man who loves you is for you to decide. If his ill health is permanent and he has only a pension of thirty dollars a month for the support of himself and wife—and family, doubtless his love is very selfish. On the other hand, if you love him enough to share poverty with him and work with him, and for him if necessary, marry him and I'll admire you for it. But think it over first. (2) It isn't your "duty" to kiss him unless you want to, and if you feel that way about it you had better not marry him.

**Ted, West Virginia**.—Greater love hath no man than he who giveth his marble blouse to another. Maybe it was too small for him, anyway, so don't judge his love by that alone. You might encourage him a little and find out how much he loves you; but for your own happiness and peace of mind don't love him very much unless you feel sure he loves you more.

**VIRGINIA BRUNETTE, Virginia**.—Better wait until he gets his divorce before you correspond with him. Wife or wife's lawyer might get hold of some of your letters and divorce suits are ugly things to be mixed up with—particularly as co-respondent.

**PAUL, California**.—Bless you, my dear, you are a girl after my own heart and I'm sure we could be good pals, as I like to do all the things you do—swimming and riding, but I haven't tried to stand on my head for some years. Of course I understand that you don't really do it, but merely that you prefer to wear clothes that allow you plenty of freedom, such as bloomers and gym shoes, so that you could if you wanted to. But you should know how to do housework even if you don't like it. I'd want my daughter, if I had one, to know how to cook and sew and do housework, as well as to shoot and ride and swim. Is there a Girl Scout organization near you?

**JULIA, Texas**.—Never mind, dear, if everybody says you are good looking. Maybe they aren't telling the truth and if they are being lots worse things than being good looking—being conceited, for instance. Is it any harm to "set on a boy's lap if the car is so full there ain't no room for you to set anywhere else and anyway I love the boy's lap I was settin' on." It may be that your love for his lap glorifies the action and makes it right. I don't know positively for I never loved anyone's lap. Poor fat men! They haven't much lap to be loved. (2) Boys don't waste a lot of time kissing their sisters so don't let them fool you with this sister-kiss stuff. It's old.

**WHOSE GIRLS? Virginia**.—Not mine, certainly. Am sorry to say it, but I don't think girls of fifteen and sixteen should go to a dance with two young men and

without a chaperon, no matter how much they might want to. We always want to do the things we shouldn't. (2) Doubtless you "dare" to kiss them good night but it is better not to. Save your courage for a more worthy deed. Now you know I'm not "a lovely lady with auburn hair and a dimple," as you were kind enough to picture me. (3) Brown should be a becoming color for both.

**ANXIOUS FOR HELP, Va.**—Unfortunately I haven't any artists or teachers of drawing concealed in my desk or up my sleeve, as you seem to think. Send me a sample of your work and if it is worth while I'll advise you further.

**LOUISE, Mo.**—There's nothing you can do but keep silent. I shouldn't think you'd care about speaking to such a rude person anyway.

**EDNA, Minn.**—If your mother doesn't object it doesn't seem that there could be any harm in friendly letters, but be very careful what you write. What does your mother say about the Christmas gifts? You are an ambitious girl and I wish you success with your school work.

**BLUES EYES, Mo.**—When Mr. Right comes along, if he is Mr. Right, he will appreciate you all the more for your convictions. By "large" do you mean that you are fat? Reduce if you are, for fat and romance aren't good mixers.

**GLADYS, N. C.**—Love at first sight has been known to happen and it may be so in your case. Absence is a good love tester. How do you feel toward him now? (2) When in doubt—don't kiss.

**BLONDI, Virginia**.—Your spelling and writing would indicate more intelligence than your questions. If my fiancé denied that he was engaged to me—well, he wouldn't be, that's all, particularly when it happened to be to a girl he was going out with.

Now I'm going to look for the Mayflowers which the April showers bring. Want to come with me? By, by. **COUSIN MARION.**

### Missing Relatives and Friends

For the convenience of its subscribers, COMFORT reprints the "Missing Relatives and Friends" column. To the readers of COMFORT is extended the privilege of inserting three-line notices in this column if they will secure only one new yearly subscription to COMFORT at 50c. If you wish to find a missing relative or friend you can insert a three-line notice containing not over 22 words in this column by securing only one new subscription at 50c. If a longer notice is required send one 50c subscription for each additional seven words.

**Vie Wells, Water Valley, Ark.**, wishes to know the whereabouts of her brother, Ben Eaves, last heard of at Sacramento, Calif. Age, 31 years.

**Mrs. C. W. Harmon, Van Buren, Ark.**, wishes to know the whereabouts of her uncle, Manson Short, or any of his children, John, Minnie, Annie, Hattie, Manson or Frank.

**Mrs. Grace Hall, Hartman, Colo.**, would like to hear from her half-sister, whose maiden name was Lissie Brummitt, last heard of in Oklahoma.

**Mrs. Katie Patridge, Abbott, R. R. 1, Ark.**, is anxious to hear from her brother, John M. Smith, and wife, Augusta, last heard of eleven years ago at Holdenville, Okla. They have two children, Amy and Florence.

**Mrs. M. J. Crainshaw, 240 W. Carbin St., Concord, N. C.**, would appreciate any information of her brother, Jim Dulin, age 70 years, last heard from in Texas twenty years ago.

Any information regarding the whereabouts of Joseph E. and Roxie Loozarn would be gratefully received by their sister, Mrs. F. M. Adams, Bowdon, Route 5, Ga.

**Maggie Palmer, Sulphur, Okla.**, would be glad to receive any information of her brother, Samuel E. Tromell, age 35 years.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of George Scott, age about 66, last heard of 35 years ago in Pentwater, Mich., kindly notify his daughter, Mrs. Ora Freeman, Pentwater, Mich.

**Wanted**—To hear from the friends and relatives of the Dyers of Miami, Palo Pinto and Coleman Counties in Texas. M. L. Irby, R. R. 6, Rockdale, Texas.

**Ceph Clements, Warrior, R. R. 2, Ala.**, would appreciate the addresses of his friends, Eugene Clardy and Billy Browning.

**George Harach, son of Mrs. Sophia Harach, 3 Myrtle St., Le Roy, N. Y.**, left home six months ago and no trace of him has been found. Any information would be gratefully received by his mother. Should he, himself, see this advertisement, his mother wishes him to write her even though he wants to remain where he is now located.

If any COMFORT reader knows the whereabouts of Mrs. F. R. Waterman, last heard of in Omaha, Neb., kindly write to W. E. Taylor, St. Paul, R. R. 2, N. C.

Anyone knowing the location of Captain Edward Drake, Co. A, 124th Infantry, kindly write Mrs. M. F. Vinson, R. R. 1, Rhea, Ark.

**Mrs. Elvira Reynolds, Vista, Missouri**, would like information concerning her uncle, Angus Orr, age between 75 and 80 years; when last heard from was salesman in a lumber yard in Michigan.

If any COMFORT reader knows the present address of Mrs. Josephine Mitchell, who formerly lived in Helena, Mont., kindly write Mrs. Nellie Rosenwald, 21 Spencer St., Helena, Mont.

**Mrs. Ella Sund, R. R. 2, Sandy, Utah**, wishes to hear from Mrs. J. Amos Barrett, last heard of in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1910.

**Mrs. J. F. Mize, Pulaski, R. R. 1, Tenn.**, wishes information of her son, Lloyd Mize, who left home December 22, 1910. He has dark brown eyes, dark complexion, short forehead, light hair and weighs about 98 pounds. He was dressed in a dark brown mixed wool suit, overcoat of corduroy and blue cap. If any COMFORT reader knows any information about this person, please communicate with his mother.

**Cloumnie Furtick, R. R. 6, Box 228, Charlotte, N. C.**, wants information of Brice Moody, age 18 years. Has black hair, blue eyes and was last heard of in Little Rock, Ark.

**Mrs. James George, Greenville, R. R. 48, Pa.**, would greatly appreciate any information regarding her brother, Charles R. Clark.

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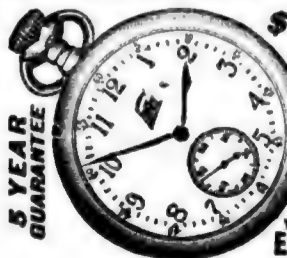
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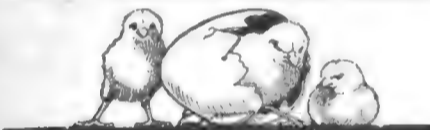
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## Poultry Farming for Women

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### Good Equipment a Strong Factor in Success

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The automatic hopper for small grain is another time saver, and most valuable to the man or woman who is occupied during the middle of the day, and can only feed at night and morning. The automatic is worked by the hens themselves. The smell of the grain attracts them, and they jump on the base, which releases a spring, and scatters grain on the litter, so that the hens have to scratch for it, which insures their getting plenty of exercise. Drinking fountains are really a sanitary necessity, and should be one of the first things bought. Trap nests, incubators and brooders have all been discussed rather fully in the early spring numbers, so I shan't give them any space this month.

Of course, a well constructed house, with practical accessories, means quick and easy work, and well-made brood coops are just as necessary. Have you ever kept track of the time spent in

open and available. If rear section is made two feet deeper, making whole house sixteen feet deep, it will give room for one more roost and give a capacity of forty layers for winter or thirty for summer; fowls confined to house or with only a small yard. Nests are simple boxes twelve by twenty-four inches, inside measure, open at north end only and have shed-roof hinged cover. With more than twenty-five fowls a second nest should be supplied.

### Building Instructions

Door placed in east wall between two highest studs, with bottom just below top of sill to break joint and stop draft. Door opens outward and hinges on north side. A screen door of one-inch mesh netting should be made to open in, just inside of solid door. This is useful in summer time or at any time when it is desired to have door open. A litter board from floor level to four to six inches above sill is used to keep all litter in rear section of house. It should be made removable, resting in cleats. Front section should have sand or earth floor only. In rear section use clean oat straw litter or dry leaves. This house may be made with sand or gravel floor only filled in to top of sill, but we use light wooden floors and raise the house on blocks. Sand and litter should be renewed as often as needed.

After sills are laid studs should be placed in position and nailed to sills. Plates are spiked to top of studs after making sure to have them plumb. Rafters are lightly notched to engage plate. Side boards should be put on in horizontal position and should be covered with good roofing fabric. Roof boards lay east and west. Joints of sides with roof should be flush and smooth. Roofing fabric for sides should go up and down and should lap on roof about one foot. This gives a windproof joint. Eaves at north end of house should be made by a double course to project three inches. Roof covering should be laid to roll east and west with generous laps, and should allow only four inches of shingle course to make eaves in same manner as north end.

Windows for semi-monitor top should be three three-light common small cellar windows, and should be screwed tightly in position to make a wind and storm proof joint. These windows may be removed in hot summer weather, but in cold climates should be firmly fixed in place from September 1st until first settled warm weather in June. West window may also be removed in hot summer weather and replaced by wire screen. With windows out in warm weather, the house is cool and comfortable even in "dog days."

### Front Elevation

The front is boarded up from bottom eighteen inches to break floor drafts and is also boarded under six inches from top. Balance is one quarter inch wire netting. Door for fowls is only



A Model Poultry House. The basement is used as an incubator cellar. Right-hand side of this room is fitted with a seven-compartment brooder where chicks stay until four weeks old, when they are moved to the lean-to brooder-house which has outdoor yards. Left-hand side of this room is used as feed room and at one end is a bench for killing and dressing the broilers which are marketed when from ten to twelve weeks old.

opening and closing makeshift brood coops, where pieces of board have got to be put up in front of openings, or some such contrivance? Then there is always the fear that the work has been done in a hurry, and the stone or stick may slip down, and leave an opening for the chicks to slip through in the early morning before the grass is dry, and when stray cats or hawks are prowling about, ready to pounce down and destroy the poor little creatures.

The henhouses are the foundation of an up-to-date plant, but I have enumerated some of the small things first, because singly they don't cost very much, and can be bought from week to week, as money comes in. A new house requires quite a sizable amount of cash. However, it should be built as soon as you can possibly manage it, for good housing increases egg production, materially lessens the fear of disease and hastens ultimate success for a flock of birds numbering twenty-five or forty. The open front insures circulation of fresh air and ventilation, so the house is especially valuable for sections of the country where they have cold winters, as the constant circulation of air night and day prevents the birds getting overheated during the night and chilled in the early morning, which they are very apt to do when closed houses are used. I will try to explain the construction and inside fixtures so clearly that any handy man can build it without the help of a carpenter.

The house should be located on dry, well-drained land, and should face south or a little east of south. Twelve posts are needed, five for each side and one for the center of each end. Post holes should be made three feet, and posts should be well tamped to make them firm. Sills of four by four-inch stock are laid level on top of posts and spiked to them. Ends are halved to match sill joints.

Nest is placed with entrance at drop board level (two feet above top of sill). Food hopper and water pail are at convenient height for fowls. We prefer to place them high and to make a slatted platform in front of each for fowls to fly up to. This keeps food and water up out of litter and dirt. It also leaves more free floor space, as floor beneath platform is

break in wire front, and is closed by a board shutter run in cleats on the inside.

Nest boxes, which contain two nests each, are placed at each end of the house. The dropping board is eighteen inches above the floor, three feet wide, and runs the full length of the back wall. The roosting frame, consisting of one or three perches, according to the number of birds which are to occupy the roosting house, is elevated on nine-inch legs above the dropping board. Three self-feeding hoppers stand on a shelf fixed on the wall of the east end of the house, and eighteen inches above the floor. A perch is fixed in front of them, so the birds can hop upon it while helping themselves to dry mash, grit or oyster shell. A water fountain stands on a smaller shelf on the west end wall, and, of course, a perch in front of it. Lifting the feed and water on shelves leaves all the floor space free, and prevents feed or litter being scratched into them. Whatever else you may omit in the way of inside fixtures, don't forget to put in a board to keep back all litter, otherwise it will be scratched up under the windows and get wet every time there is a driving rain or snowstorm. And then, ten to one, it will become moldy, and within a month or so birds will commence to show signs of sickness, for moldy bedding causes trouble with breathing and digestive organs, and is often the unsuspected cause of serious epidemics.

### Lice Exterminator

One of the most difficult problems which the poultry keeper has to meet is that of keeping his poultry houses and stock reasonably free from lice, mites and other external parasites.

In keeping a poultry plant free from lice there are two points of attack; one, the birds themselves; the other, the houses, nest boxes, roosting boards, etc.

In using any kind of lice powder on the birds themselves, it should always be remembered that a single application of powder is not sufficient. When there are lice present on a bird, there are always unhatched eggs of lice (nits) present, too. The proper procedure is to follow up a first application of powder with a second at an interval

of four days to a week. If the birds are badly infested at the beginning it may be necessary to make still a third application. To clean the cracks and crevices of the woodwork of houses and nests of lice and vermin, a liquid spray or paint is probably the most desirable form of application.

A splendid lice powder may be made at a cost of only a few cents a pound in the following way: Take three parts of gasoline and one part of crude carbolic acid; mix these together, and add gradually with stirring, enough plaster of Paris to take up all the moisture. The liquid and the dry plaster should be thoroughly mixed and stirred so that the liquid will be uniformly distributed throughout the plaster. When enough plaster has been added, the resulting mixture will be a dry, pinkish brown powder having a fairly strong carbolic odor and a rather less pronounced gasoline odor.

Do not use more plaster in mixing than is necessary to blot up the liquid. This powder is to be worked into the feathers of the birds affected with vermin. The bulk of the application should be in the feathers around the vent and on the ventral side of the body and in the fluff under the wings. Its efficiency, which is greater than that of any other lice powder known to the



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writer, can be very easily demonstrated by anyone to his own satisfaction. Take a bird that is covered with lice and apply the powder in the manner just described. After the lapse of about a minute, shake the bird, loosening its feathers with the fingers at the same time, over a clean piece of paper. Dead and dying lice will drop on the paper in great numbers. Anyone who will try this experiment will have no further doubt of the wonderful efficiency and value of this powder.

For a spray or paint to be applied to roosting boards, nest boxes, or walls and floor of the hen-houses, the following preparation is used: Three parts of kerosene and one part crude carbolic acid. This is stirred up when used, and may be applied with any of the hand spray pumps or with a brush.

In both these formulas it is highly important that crude carbolic acid be used instead of the purified product. Be sure and insist on the drug-gist giving you crude carbolic acid. It is a dark brown, dirty looking fluid, and its value depends on the fact that it contains tar oil and tar bases in addition to the pure phenol (carbolic acid).

### Correspondence

Subscribers are entitled to advice of our Poultry Editor, free, through the columns of this department. Address Poultry Editor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine. BE SURE to give your full name and address, otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

M. M. W.—It would not be advisable to use permanganate of potassium in drinking water for little turkeys, because if you put enough in to kill any germs it would be too strong for the intestines of young birds. Better give them sour milk to drink. It is much safer. Yes; you can wipe the eggs with wood alcohol; it will answer as well as pure alcohol.

F. S.—The January and February numbers of COMFORT will help you on incubation and brooding. As you only intend to raise about 150 chicks, I don't think it would be advisable to buy a coal burner brooder. Better get a lamp heated outdoor brooder—a box brooder—or if you have a warm room in which to keep two or three home-made fireless brooders, they would answer very well for such a small number. See answer to M. J. F. in this number. Early in the spring, when the nights are still cold, chicks should be allowed access to a brooder at night, until eight weeks of age. In warm weather brooders may be dispensed with when the chicks are five or six weeks old.

F. E. S.—You don't give me any idea of the approximate age of the fowls, or how much you feed them, so it is quite difficult for me to tell whether they are suffering from rheumatism or the effect of liver trouble, as lameness is a symptom of both diseases. Is the house dry and well ventilated? Plenty of fresh cold air never hurts hens. Drafts and dampness are fatal. If a number of hens are kept in a tight, warm house, the moisture from the birds' breaths will collect on the walls and ceiling, and cause the house to become damp in cold weather. In such a case, the birds will be very likely to be suffering from rheumatism. Examine a few hens; if they feel fat and baggy, you may be pretty sure that you are feeding too heavily, and that the lameness is caused by liver complaint. For rheumatism, correct the troubles of the house. If the floor is damp, fill it in. If the house is small and has no ventilation, take out one or two of the windows and cover the openings with unbleached muslin. Rub the birds' shanks and feet with a mixture of two tablespoonfuls of sweet oil to one tablespoonful of spirits of turpentine. For liver

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## Pretty Girls' Club

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It is really a fine height, as you fill out more. What you should do is to seek to gain in weight and fill out your figure. There isn't any way to "stop growing," my dear, but you probably will not add much more, if any, to your stature. Tall women need to be careful how they stand. Sometimes they are inclined to stoop over a little. That is a bad thing, for they need to stand well. To be straight does not make one a bit taller, indeed it adds grace to the inches we have. So cultivate a good backbone, my dear, and hold yourself well. Don't even let your chin sag but give it an independent poke into the air which sort of seems to say that you are exactly the right height and know it. About the scars, if they are recent they will no doubt soon pass away. It is against the rules of this department to give the names of any advertised articles, but any cream which you see constantly advertised in all the big magazines is pretty sure to be reliable. The only object of using a skin food in massaging a scar is to soften the skin as you manipulate it. It is the massaging which does the real work. You might try dampening the scars with a cloth dipped in peroxide of hydrogen, but do not use this more than once a day for a few days.

"Cremor."—Did you ask your druggist for toilet ammonia? You probably have the undiluted ammonia, though if you have added as much water as ammonia that ought not to be too strong. Your skin may be more than ordinarily sensitive. Unless it irritates your skin unduly, I should continue to use it.

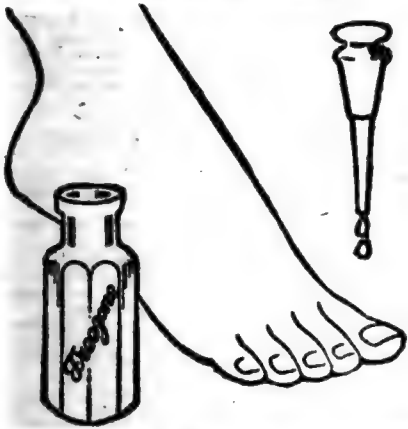
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### Two Kinds of Lighting Plants

There are two classes of lighting plants for rural homes—gas and electricity. Small gas plants are made which are suitable for single homes. In these the gas is manufactured outside the house and led into the house in iron pipes. Similarly there are now on the market various types of small generators built especially for making the current necessary to lighting a country home. This current is distributed over the place by means of wires.

### How Gas Plants Work

There are two principal kinds of gas plants used for making gas for the country home. The one uses acetelene, the other gasolene gas. Both of these plants are much like each other in general plan of distribution and use of gas.

The gasolene tank is almost always placed outside the house—preferably buried in the ground; the acetelene seldom is for obvious reasons. The gasolene is pumped inside the building and here mixed with air, forming a combustible gas which is stored in a little tank exactly like the huge tanks used by city gas companies. From this tank it is piped to the lights and to the stoves where it is burned. Acetelene gas is made in an enclosed tank so arranged that a small stream of water drops upon a substance called "carbide." The gas thus provided is stored away for use in a tank very similar to the one used for the storage of gasolene gas. The tanks are of such size that if properly attended to there is always sufficient gas supply on hand for daily use.

### How This Gas Gives Light

Both kinds of gas are used in the same way for the same purposes—heat and light. The only difference is in the burner used. Acetelene gas burning in the air gives a bright, white light, hence open burners that need no mantle are usually used. For general use these burners should be protected by shades.

Gasolene on the other hand gives little light on burning in air. This necessitates the use of a "mantle." This mantle is composed of a substance called calcium, which, when hot, shines with a bright white light. In the gasolene lamp, therefore, the light is produced by the glow of the white hot calcium while in the acetelene the light is caused by the burning itself.

### Gas for Cooking

In every home equipped with a gas lighting plant the same gas should also be used for cooking. Special gas stoves with burners adapted for each kind of gas are on the market. It is so easy and clean and economical to cook with gas. No housewife who has ever tried to cook with gas will go back to the old-fashioned method.

### Electric Light for the Farm and Home

Every farmer knows the inconvenience of doing chores around the barn all winter by lantern light. Yet this is done on almost every farm throughout the country. It need not be so. Either gas or electricity may be used to light the barn—the latter preferred, because of its greater safety, though modern gas lights may be protected by glass globes that reduce the fire risk to a minimum. So far as electricity is concerned, the ordinary farm lighting plant is absolutely safe.

### How Electricity Is Generated

There are three different ways of generating the electric current for farm use—by wind—by water and by engine power. When connections

may be had with a city lighting plant, of course the city current should be used but the farmer no longer needs to depend on city plants. He can have an electric plant all his own at no great cost.

### The Windmill and Electricity

The cheapest source of electric current is the ordinary windmill when properly connected to a suitable generator. During the past few years the dynamo has been greatly improved for use in the automobile and a similar generator slightly larger will serve for use in connection with the windmill. From the generator the current is led on heavy copper wire to the storage battery, usually of 15 or 16 cells, which gives a low voltage of 30 volts. Such low voltage can do no harm—one scarcely feels it if taken through the hand—and it cannot easily cause a fire on short circuit. When the wind blows, the current is stored in the battery to be drawn upon as needed.

### The Gas Engine for Driving the Generator

On nearly every farm there is a gas engine of some sort which may be "hooked-up" with the same kind of a generator and the electric current stored up in the batteries to be used in exactly the same way.

Often the engine is used in pumping or at some other work when the load is light. Where this is true, the dynamo may be run at very little extra cost. Some farmers even use their automobile generators to light their country homes. The method is simple. Two wires are run from the main posts of a 16-cell battery which they have stored in the garage alongside of the auto. These loose ends are quickly attached to the two terminals of the automobile generator and the engine allowed to run at the proper speed. This is one of the easiest ways, but not the easiest, to provide electric lights for the farm home. Here is still an easier way if only one or two lights are used.

Just run a double wire into the house and suspend from its terminals an electric bulb of the same size used in the auto headlight. Attach the other two free ends to the terminals of the auto storage battery and the job is done. When the switch at the bulb is turned, the current is drawn from the auto storage battery. If it runs low, start the engine.

### The Combined Engine Generator

So popular has the demand for electricity on the farm become that many concerns are now making a combined engine and generator in one machine. The power is furnished by gasolene and the gas engine and the dynamo are hooked up together on the same shaft; aside from this arrangement, the connections are the same as those already described. For all electric light plants a 15 or 16-cell storage battery is essential, that is one giving an electrical pressure of at least 30 volts.

### Electricity—From Water Power

There is on many farms, if properly utilized, sufficient water power to run a generator that will provide all the light needed on the place. It only takes the tiniest of streams to do this, provided there is sufficient fall. Any stream that has flow and fall enough to develop one half horse-power—that is about enough power to turn a grindstone—will do the trick. Of course, the stream must be dammed and a suitable water wheel installed. The water wheel is connected directly to the generator and so geared as to produce the proper speed. The generator is connected to the storage battery and the current distributed in exactly the same way as in all the other systems described. The only thing to be reckoned with here is the distance from the water wheel or source of power to the farm buildings since relatively weak currents cannot be carried long distances owing to the resistance of the wire. Currents developed by one or two horse-power could not well be utilized more than a couple hundred of feet away.

### The Necessary Parts of the Electric Plant

There are four essential parts to any farm electric light plant—the power, the generator, the storage battery and the distributing system. As has already been shown, the power may be fur-

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nished by a water-wheel, a windmill or an engine either gas or steam. The generator must always be purchased from an electrical supply house which makes a specialty of building these small dynamos. It must be adapted to the kind of storage battery used and the number of lights in the circuit.

The storage battery must also be adapted to the system, whether of high or low voltage. If of high voltage, 55 to 60 cells are needed. The low-voltage battery of 15 or 16 cells is the one ordinarily used and is the best for general farm purposes, since it is smaller, much less expensive and provides a current which can be handled with safety by the amateur.

The distribution system consists of the lamps, wiring and switchboard which are always furnished with the outfit if any of the standard farm plants are purchased. It is not a difficult matter for the farmer to do his own wiring if he understands the principles.

### How to Wire the House

Two parallel wires are run three or four inches apart and the lamps are strung in between so that the current can cut across from one wire to the other. As large covered copper wires as possible should be used. The wires should be covered or insulated so as to keep the current from escaping by short circuits. They should be of copper because copper is the best metal to conduct electricity. They should be large because small wires are so high in resistance that a weak current flows over them. Very large wire, however, is so expensive that it is impractical. For the average farm, number 10 to 14 wire is about the right size.



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### Electrical Conveniences

Lucky the housewife who has electricity on the farm. The electrical conveniences and the many labor-saving devices possible, make housework so much easier that it is like having an ever-faithful servant at command. During the short days of winter when so much labor must be done by lamplight, a bright light which can be turned on, at a touch, in every room in the house makes the work a half easier. No carrying around lamps and no stumbling around in the dark.

### Electric Washer

Blue Monday is done away with by an electric washer. Washings are always the most dreaded job on the farm. The men's clothes are so heavy to wash by hand and the ordinary hand washing machine requires so much strength before the clothes are clean. Then many times they cannot

be turned fast enough to properly cleanse the clothes.

The electric washer does away with all this. The clothes are put in, the washer started and no more attention need be paid to it till the clothes are ready to rinse—then by switching the current on the wringer, the only labor that is required is to hang them up.

### The Electric Iron

Another hard job is the ironing. An electric iron means a cool kitchen—a constant, evenly-heated iron and no trotting back and forth to the stove when an iron cools.

The ironing can be done on a cool porch, during hot weather, and if the housewife adds a high stool to her kitchen equipment she can sit down and take it easy.

### Electric Vacuum Cleaner

The electric vacuum cleaner almost completely solves the cleaning problem in the living-room, dining-room and bedrooms.

It not only picks up the surface dirt and lint, thread or hair, but it draws the dirt out under the surface of the rugs where it is impossible to get at it with a broom.

With the cleaner come various attachments for cleaning the upholstery, the draperies and the bedding.

Besides being a great labor-saving device it does away with the dust choked air, caused by a broom, that is so harmful to the good health of the household. Broom sweeping merely stirs up the dirt and distributes it all over everything in the room, where, after the most careful dusting only a part of the dirt is removed.

With the vacuum cleaner, the great volume of air rushing through the nozzle sucks up the dirt and deposits it in a dust-proof bag which can be emptied out of doors.

The vacuum cleaner keeps the house clean, wholesome and sanitary.

### Other Conveniences

Then there are many other electrical conveniences for the home that are real luxuries—the toaster, the coffee percolator, the foot warmers—but it is impossible to name all the home labor-saving equipment possible by having an electric farm lighting outfit.

### The Farm Water Supply

Few farms are favored with springs or running water and few of those that are, have piped this natural supply into the house and barn. But every farm must have water, and every farm may have running water, in both house and barn. No one who has ever had such a convenience will be without it, no matter what it costs. But the best of it is that the cost is less than that of many labor-saving machines which are found on farms for use only a few days in the year. Water is used many times a day in both house and barn every day in the year!

### The Hydraulic Ram

If there's a running stream of water on the place that can be dammed so there will be a fall of a foot or two, a hydraulic ram which works automatically will push it up hill through a small pipe into the house or anywhere it is wanted. The cost is small and the convenience great.

### The Storage Tank

Storage tanks are usually placed either in the attic, on the windmill or on top of the silo where the water will fall by gravity anywhere it is wanted, or else under pressure in the cellar. The pressure tank is kept partly filled with compressed air, which forces the water through the pipes wherever wanted. The advantage of the pressure tank is that the water is usually kept cooler and is better for drinking purposes. Whether the gravity or the pressure tank is used, the water must be forced into it by use of a force pump, which may be operated by a windmill or gasoline or kerosene engine.

### Water Fresh from the Well

Another type of pressure system is often used which stores air in a big tank under high pressure. This pressure tank is connected by a pipe to an under-water pump in the well, which works automatically. When the tap at the house or barn is opened the pump starts and thus lifts the fresh water directly from the well, and stops pumping as soon as the tap is closed.

### How Water Is Distributed

No matter what kind of a water supply system is used it is distributed through pipes in or near the walls to the kitchen and bathrooms of the house and to the tank and drinking cups for cattle in the barn. The only care that needs to be taken is to keep the pipes from freezing. For this reason they should never be run near outside walls and should always be buried outside—sufficiently deep to escape the frost.

With running water in the house it is possible to have a supply of both hot and cold water always available at the kitchen sink. Hot water is obtained by putting a brass or iron coil in the fire-box of the kitchen stove or the furnace, whichever is used. This coil is connected by a pipe with a tank in which the hot water is stored until needed for use.

### The Bathroom

This is the one city luxury which so few farmers do have but which all may. The first requisite for a bathroom is running water in the house. The next is some means of sewage disposal. No farmer who has, or can install, running water, should fail to put in a complete bathroom, including tub, set bowl, and toilet (flush closet). The tub and set bowl should, of course, be connected with both the hot and cold water pipes. Besides the joy and luxury of the nice warm bath in a big tub at the end of a sweaty day's work, there is the added convenience of the set bowl for washing hands and the flush closet so important to health. This is particularly appreciated during the cold winter weather or during sickness in the house. Besides being exceedingly disagreeable and uncomfortable, the old-fashioned outhouse is exceedingly unsanitary and unhealthful. These should be speedily replaced on every farm by a nice, clean, comfortable toilet and bathroom in the house.

### How Dispose of Sewage

The waste from the bathroom, toilet and kitchen sink can easily be disposed of in either of two ways, by a cesspool or a septic tank. Whether a cesspool or a septic tank should be used will depend upon conditions, such as the slope of the land, the kind of soil, nearness to the well, etc.

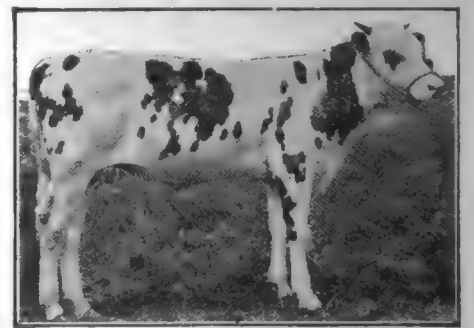
### When the Cesspool Can Be Used

The cesspool can be used when it can be located in sloping ground considerably lower than the well and at some distance—say a hundred feet or so—and then in no possible danger of contamination of the well from the cesspool. It is a good precaution to encase the opening to the well in an iron pipe coming above the top of the ground and extending deep down into it and the top surrounded by a good concrete platform.

But a cesspool to be effective must drain out rapidly, otherwise it may easily become a nuisance. To drain out it must be either in sand or gravel. When it is easy to get down to sand or gravel it is easy to build a cesspool. But in clay or heavy soil a cesspool is not advised.

### The Septic Tank

The septic tank is usually made of concrete, with a partition across near one end separating it into two parts. The large end receives the



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waste from the house, which it gradually discharges into the small tank when it becomes completely liquefied. When the small tank becomes filled it automatically empties into the drain tiles which are laid a foot or so under the surface of the garden or other nearby area. Where the soil is very dense as in clay, it is sometimes necessary to place a few inches of sand or cinders under the tile so that they will drain out rapidly. Ordinary drainage tile is used for this purpose.

The Association of Cement Manufacturers have published a very valuable bulletin which may be had for the asking by writing their office at Chicago. Besides this, several state agricultural colleges have prepared bulletins on the same subject.

### The Heating Plant

Neither a water supply or sewage disposal system can be installed in a poorly heated house. There are many types of farm heating plants among which the pipeless furnace is now having a big run. It is both cheap and efficient. Send for bulletins and catalogues of lighting, heating and water supply plants if you are interested. They will furnish you a lot of valuable information.

### A Place to Keep Milk

Have you a good milk house on your farm? If not, then why not one of concrete? With a good water supply so that a tank can be put in one end for cooling the milk or cream, concrete makes the best possible material for a milk house. It is cool and can be kept clean and perfectly sanitary. Every dairy farmer should have a good clean place to keep milk and cream both winter and summer. A milk house made of tile or concrete is just the thing.

### Kitchen Conveniences

The good man of the house should realize that the kitchen is a big factor in the success or failure of his business.

A smooth running kitchen—well equipped with modern conveniences—means time to prepare better meals, a saving in household supplies, ability to cut out needless waste, and above all, economy of strength and effort that is so vital to the health and happiness of the good wife.

A kitchen equipped as it should be results in labor saving that reacts on every member of the household. The more time saved by conveniences the more time that can be given to the selection of food and the appetizing ways of serving it.

On a farm, good, clean, wholesome meals mean keeping not only the family happier but often decides whether the hired man will stay on his job. It's not only the wages paid but the board that he gets that decides whether he will be hunting another place or not.

### Water in Kitchen and Sewage Disposal

The first thing in equipping a kitchen is to see that there is water in it. If not on tap, at least a pump and a sink can be installed. Every kitchen should have both soft and hard water. It is just as easy to install a pump in the kitchen as in the yard. Pump from the well or cistern directly into the sink. Don't ask an overburdened wife to carry in the water. No farmer carries water to his stock—then why ask the wife to carry water for the family cooking and cleaning.

It is astonishing how many pails of water are needed during the day. Until water is installed one little realizes how an abundance of water means a lessening of kitchen labor.

Vegetables are especially hard to prepare—they need so much washing and rinsing—a pail of water is just a beginning for washing the day's supply.

When water is installed, of equal importance is the sewage disposal. Have a place to dispose of the water. Drain the sink out of doors by means of a pipe. Run the pipe far enough away from the house that odor and flies will not bother. Better a cesspool—or an underground disposal connected with a septic tank.

The water and sewage disposal and its installing comes under a man's work and is as much a part of the house as its cupboards, closets or heating plant. Most women are too self-sacrificing and would not think of demanding the conveniences for her work that her husband thinks absolutely necessary for his.

Water and its disposal should be in every kitchen. It means less and easier work, time saved, cleaner home, and, greatest of all, the housewife is not made a beast of burden in trying to do her share of the labor of the farm.

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**NEWLY WED, Mont.**—You should know best whether or not you can trust your husband. We can say that it is right you should try to have no doubts of his faithfulness while away, and that if you are "newly wed" it is well to know that love and trust must go together. (2) It is not necessary that you remain away from all forms of entertainment during your husband's absence but it is well to avoid any cause for reproach or gossip, and you would do best to attend all kinds of amusement in the company of married women who are your friends.

**A. G., Corpus Christi, Texas.**—When someone expresses regret at your absence from an entertainment, you might say: "Thank you; it is nice to know that I was missed." (2) As you knew from his sister that this boy was yet single, you might have said in answer to his harmless joking: "It is strange that your sister told me you were not married."

**C. W., Ellmore, W. Va.**—No girl can consider herself engaged unless she has been definitely asked to marry some man, and has given her promise to become his wife. Any talk of a fifteen-year-old girl being engaged is both wrong and ridiculous. (2) You should not have accepted so costly a gift as a wrist watch from this young man.

**MAYME AND FANNY, Texas.**—When a boy "squeezes a girl's hand and smiles at her," it means that he would like to have her squeeze his hand and smile back—and some girls are foolish enough to do this. (2) A boy and girl should not "hold hands" while out walking "in the daytime," nor at any other time.

**L. H., Cato, Wis.**—When a boy takes a girl to an "ice cream parlor," each is free to order the dish or flavor preferred—the girl giving her order first.

**TROUBLED TWINS, Linn Grove, Ia.**—Of course you must expect to be "troubled" if you are but sixteen and are attempting to oppose the wisdom and experience of your parents with your own young and foolish wishes. If your parents do not approve of these young men, you must not continue to receive their attentions. This may make you a little unhappy now, but when you are older you will know that your parents acted for the best. (2) No girls of sixteen—or older—should attend "public dances" and return home at two in the morning.

**BROWN EYES OF COLORADO.**—We remember reading, "There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed," and this certainly applies to children who attempt the concealment of something from their parents. When you started to correspond with this boy, you knew that your father would be displeased should he find it out, and now it seems to us that you can only accept his displeasure and charge it up against the fun you think you had from the concealed correspondence. However, your letter is a sensible one and we are not unsympathetic to your difficulty. Perhaps the boy will turn out to be just as fine a character as you think he is, and if this should be true, it should largely lighten your scolding. And if he is the wrong sort of a boy, it is best that your father's wrath should end the circumstance. Do not meet the boy at the train, but let him call to see you at your home, or that of some married woman who is your friend. We hope you will not make a mistake of this sort again.

**TWO CREMS, Durham, N. C.**—It is best that you should be chaperoned in attending any entertainment with this young man whom you have known for so short a time. (2) We do not think any girl should want to "fangle" her hair in attempting to follow some certain style of hair dressing, and if you and your chum are as young as we think you are, you will do best and keep yourself more attractive by arranging your hair in simple schoolgirl fashion.

**A. D., Cementon, Pa.**—You should have this spot or "birthmark" looked at by a physician or a dermatologist if you seriously wish to have it removed. It should be possible to do this if the spot is small as you say.

**D. A., Anderson, S. C.**—Because you have "never kept house" before is no reason to believe you might not like it nor learn to do it well. We believe it to be a wife's duty to follow her husband to such a home as he may select or be able to furnish. Why not compromise your doubts and objections by pleasantly agreeing to try the new home and way of living for a year at least before you are sure of your unhappiness and dissatisfaction. Remember your husband's part in the war and the discomforts and dangers he endured in France—and read also the words of the ceremony which made you man and wife.

**BIG EYES, Montana.**—We do not think it is kind to "go" with a young man to make another girl "very jealous." We think you would do best to follow your own suggestion of seeking another escort.

**SWEET WILLIAM, Garner, Texas.**—We do not know how nice this "nice young man" may be, but we do know that a girl of seventeen—who is still at school—must be governed in her conduct according to her parents' judgment and wishes. Perhaps if you worried less about this young man you would learn better how to spell. There will be plenty of time for "nice young men" after you have courted with your school books a bit longer.

**Topsy, Okla.**—After he has brought you home, you may thank the young man for having taken you to the entertainment and tell him that you have had a very good time. (2) Certainly you may ask a young man to call again, and you need not wait for him to request the privilege.

**E. J., Kingsport, Tenn.**—Certainly a new pair of gloves should not be "cut all to pieces," and if this is what the young man threatens to do with his gift, you will be wise not to return it. You have done your part in offering to give back the gloves and asking him for an explanation of his strange conduct. We think the next move should be his.

**BLUE EYES, Martinsburg, Nehr.**—The burning and redness of your face, particularly at night, may be due to your being much out of doors and having your skin exposed to the cold. Anyone who is physically strong and full-blooded is more subject to such skin conditions. Use some good cold cream on your face before walking or driving in the winter air, and upon your return indoors, wet a towel in hot water and go over your skin with more cold cream which you have placed upon the hot towel. If you live in the country, and can procure it, you will find buttermilk one of the best skin lotions for red or roughened complexion. Put this on your face upon retiring, and let it dry on the skin.

**ANXIOUS, Gorman, Tex.**—A simple "yes" or "no" is correct and sufficient.

## Poultry Farming for Women

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trouble, add one teaspoonful of magnesia to one pint of drinking water every third day for two weeks. Decrease the amount of corn, feeding more oats to take its place.

**M. B. M.**—Yes, ducks and geese can be hatched in an incubator, but unless you want to raise large quantities, I advise you to set the first duck and goose eggs under common hens, and let the old geese keep their second clutch of eggs to raise themselves. A common hen can only successfully cover five goose eggs, and eleven duck eggs.

**A READER.**—At the end of the first part of this month's department you will find a good lice exterminator. I have found that wrapping a piece of paper around the stalk of young cabbage plants when setting them out, prevents cutworms from injuring them. The paper must be long enough to reach half an inch below the soil, and one inch above it. Wrap it loosely two or three times around the stalk.

**R. T. S.**—We have no book on Rhode Island Reds, so I cannot comply with your request.

**C. E. H.**—If your local hardware or drug store cannot get you a hygrometer, send to the Taylor Instrument Companies, Rochester, N. Y. The hygrometer should be placed in front of the egg tray in the make of incubator you are using. There is a scale printed on the dial of the hygrometer, which is just as easy to read as the scale on the thermometer.

**R. C. F.**—As you say that, according to the thermometer, the temperature in the incubator was at the correct degree all through the hatching period, I can only suggest that the thermometer was not working properly. Better get your doctor to compare it with his thermometer, or take it to a drug store.

**W. S.**—Without doubt, your flock has got roup. Please read answer to A. B. in this issue. Roup is a contagious disease, which frequently develops from a cold. It may have been carried to your flock from some neighbor's poultry, or some of your birds may have inherited rumpy tendencies, which develop into active form and spread from bird to bird.

**L. R. C.**—I am very sorry there was a mistake in answering your previous letter, and very glad that you wrote again. Turkey and goose eggs can be hatched in an incubator, but I prefer setting them under hens. One drake will mate with five ducks. I prefer two and three-year-old ducks for breeders. There is a difference between the cry of a gander and a goose, and, as a rule, the gander is more upright in carriage. It is important that the heat in an incubator is kept up at hatching time. I don't like it to go above 105°, but if it runs up to 110° for a short time when the birds are coming out very quickly, it won't do any harm. I really don't think there is any preference between hot air and hot water machines.

**J. A. W.**—Feather pulling is a bad habit, and difficult to cure when once established in a flock. Give the birds free range if possible, if not, put a lot of chopped straw and green stalks on the floor of the house, and feed the grain scattered over the litter, so that it will take their time to hunt over it. Instead of corn and wheat, use commercial scratch feed; or, if you can't get that, oats or Kafir corn or cracked corn. Make a salve of bitter aloes and lard or vaseline, and rub it on the feathers all round the spot from which they have been pulling feathers. Perhaps the young gobbler has got some poisonous substance, or is just starting with blackhead. Better keep him away from the other birds until you know what is really the matter.

**A. B.**—The birds had roup, which is very contagious. Clean and disinfect the poultry house and fixtures. Burn up all the old litter, scrape the floor, scatter fresh lime over it, then whitewash the walls and ceiling. Watch your remaining birds very carefully. If any show signs of cold, remove them from the flock at once, and place them in small coops as far away from the chicken house as possible. Dissolve one teaspoonful of permanganate of potassium in a quart of water. For use, dilute one tablespoonful of the lotion with two tablespoonfuls of water. Fill a small glass syringe and spray the bird's eyes, nostrils and throat three times a day. Feed on light, nourishing food, giving small quantities four times a day.

**F. W.**—I have never had a crowing hen. Don't you think there may be some mistake? You say that the crow sounds smothered, as if a rooster had his head under his wing. Perhaps one of the hens has got bronchitis, or some obstruction in the nasal passage or throat. Better take an early morning trip to the chicken house, and watch and listen. If at close range it only proves to be a creaky sound, locate the hen, remove her from the henhouse, and put her in a quarantine house; then use permanganate of potassium as recommended to A. B.

**M. J. F.**—To make a fireless brooder out of a lard tub, cut a square hole at one side near the bottom for chicks to go in and out. Fix a cleat on the inside of the tub, four or five inches from the bottom. Take a piece of strong wire, such as you would use for clothes-line) long enough to form a circle, which will fit into the tub and rest on the cleats. Cover it with unbleached muslin, then place on the cleats. Make a round pillow, the same size as the frame, and stuff with cotton or feathers. The pillow should be made with the casing three inches between the top and the bottom, so that the pillow will be three inches thick all over. Place it on the top of the frame, and your brooder is finished. The bottom of the tub must be covered with finely chopped hay to make a soft bed for the chicks, and also to prevent the droppings from sticking to the bottom of the tub. Clean, and put in fresh hay over it. Also, take out the pillow and hang it up to dry every day. It will surprise you to see how much moisture it absorbs during the night. A small frame covered with muslin should be made to close the front opening, at night. Such a brooder must be used in a tight, warm coop, or brought into the kitchen at night.

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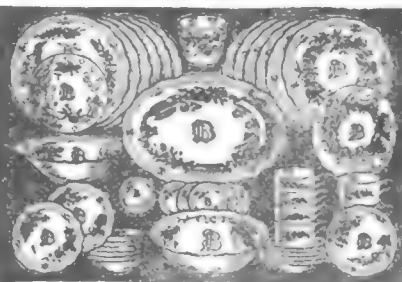
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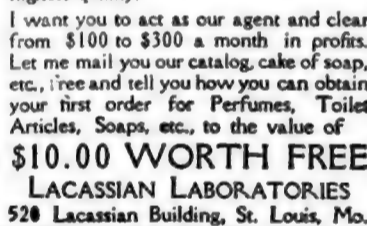


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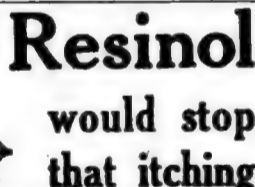
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Starting married life under such a serious handicap, it naturally looked as though Jim and Ruth were in for a mighty hard, up-hill struggle.

But that was five years ago. Today, Jim and Ruth Thomas are the happiest married couple I have ever known. They are both healthy and vigorous. They have prospered. They have two of the darlings, chubby little children you ever saw. They are the leaders in our younger social set and are envied by every other married couple in our town.

## They Learned the Secret of Happiness—Early

Ruth Thomas told me all about their early struggles with married life, while I was taking tea with her the other afternoon, on the sun-porch of their beautiful new Colonial house. And here is her story just as she told it to me:

"You know," she said, "that ever since I was a girl I have been afflicted with terrible, nervous, sick headaches. After Jim and I were married there was hardly a week went by that I wasn't stricken with one of those severe, nerve-racking attacks.

"When one of these spells would come on, I would be nauseated, deathly sick and prostrated for hours. The misery and pain that I suffered would be almost unbearable. And then after they would pass off, I would be worn out, nervous, irritable and blue for days.

"And Jim, the poor boy, I hardly see how he stood it. He had troubles of his own. He wasn't any too strong. And he was working harder than ever at the office with no outdoor exercise. His appetite was poor and he was bothered with indigestion, biliousness and habitual constipation.

"Naturally, under these conditions, I was irritable and nervous, and Jim was cross and discouraged.

Things seemed to go from bad to worse, so that the first six months of our married life were just like a nightmare.

## They Found That Health Was the Keynote of Happiness

"And then one evening as I was recovering from one of my attacks and Jim was sitting on the couch beside me, we had a good heart-to-heart talk about our troubles.

"Right then and there we made up our minds that if we were going to be happy, we would have to get rid of the chronic ailments that were wrecking our lives and spoiling our dispositions. We decided that health was the first essential to our happiness and that we both would have to be healthy before we could make our married life a happy and successful one.

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No attention will be given any inquiry which lacks the sender's full name and address, but we will print only initials if so requested.

H. N. Moscow, Miss.—To attempt to re-back your mirror at home by the use of quicksilver would be an experiment of such difficulty that we cannot advise you to try it.

R. H. Badin, N. C.—Write to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for information concerning positions in the Forestry Service.

Mrs. G. M. V. Bliss, Ida.—For the light refreshments needed at your sewing club, serve lettuce sandwiches made with a mayonnaise dressing and other sandwiches of which the filling is a mixture of chopped nuts and raisins. Have your bread for these sandwiches lightly buttered and cut thin in diamond shape. Serve either tea or chocolate, and have small individual cakes with orange, almond and chocolate icings. (2) The magazine you ask about is published at 45 Madison Ave., New York City.

Mrs. E. T. Richmond, O.—Your violin would be a valuable instrument if it was one that had been actually made by Stradivarius in the year 1716. But the fact is that very few of these mastermade violins are in existence, and all of these are known by experts. It seems certain that your instrument is but a product of the fraudulent "old violin" industry, concerning which we have written so often in this column in answer to COMFORT readers who have purchased instruments in which a false inscription had been placed to deceive buyers regarding the age and quality of the violin.

E. M. Wever, Ia.—Write to the Secretary of the Camp Fire Girls of America, 37 East 17th St., New York City.

A FRIEND, Prentice, Wis.—The imperfect speech of one who stammers is sometimes the result of irregular and spasmodic action of the throat muscles—which action is largely mental in its cause. Fear, anger and embarrassment all increase a stammerer's troubles as a result of the part the nerves and the mental state play in controlling the throat organs of speech. There is apt to be a stuttering repetition of words beginning with the consonant sounds B, P, T and D, which seem to be particularly hard for the nervous throat muscles to handle. There are said to be five times as many men who stammer as there are women thus afflicted. Anything which improves your health of mind and body will aid your case. We advise you to get as much out-of-door exercise as possible. Try to form the best of mental and moral habits, all of which will help you more than you think. Try speaking as firmly as you can and in calm, measured tones. Sometimes the motion of the hand or foot in time to the words will aid in speaking.

B. S. Youngville, Pa.—Paraffin is found native in connection with some mineral and as a constituent part of certain bituminous deposits and mineral oils from which it is extracted by distillation. A great deal of paraffin is manufactured in Scotland, where a chemist by the name of James Young first started the industry in 1851. Germany has also supplied much of the product, as well as our own Standard Oil Company in this country. You would not find it possible to make your own paraffin, but it is not expensive to purchase—in such quantities as are used in the ordinary household routine.

R. F. Rock Rapids, Ia.—Some metals are almost infusible and even when heated to the highest point refuse to melt. Aluminum, however, is not one of these, and the metal will melt at 664.5 Centigrade. The addition of either tin or zinc would cause the aluminum to melt at a lower degree of heat than that which we have stated.

Mrs. L. W. Wilmington, (?)—We believe this boy will have to serve out his enlistment. Write to the Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D. C. Be sure and include the name of your state—which you failed to do in your letter to this department.

B. M. D. Albertville, Ala.—You do not state your age, or if you mean a school which specializes in courses. The advantages of any grammar or high school would be yours without charge, if you made your home in any village or city having such educational facilities. It is possible for a student to "work her way" through many of our well-known colleges for girls. But we judge from your letter that you are in search of more elementary training than that of a university.

C. A. P. Rollwitz, Neb.—There are 20,721,658 acres of vacant public land in Wyoming. If you are but sixteen years of age, any homestead claim would have to be filed in the name of your father. For necessary particulars write to W. Reid, Register of U. S. Land Office, Cheyenne, Wyo.

B. B. Lusk, Wyo.—In 1582 the old Julian Calendar was succeeded by the present Gregorian Calendar. This calendar was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII for the purpose of keeping the Equinox to the same day of the month. It was a ruling of the Gregorian Calendar that, of the centuries, only those were to be of 366 days which could be exactly divided by 400. Thus the year 1900 was not a Leap Year and eight years elapsed between 1896 and the next year of 366 days, 1904.

J. A. Owings, W. Va.—There are but 300,599 acres of public land remaining vacant in the state of Arkansas. We fear that little of this would be of value for general farming. Sevier county in the western part of the state has good farming and fruit raising sections. DeQueen is the county seat. For particulars of the remaining vacant lands which might be homesteaded, write to J. L. Clendenin, Register of U. S. Land Office, Harrison, Arkansas.

COMFORT READER, Young America, Minn.—This department has no information regarding banks which pay "interest above six per cent." We do not believe that any bank could do business safely and legitimately on any such basis.

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## Driven Apart

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a curious, steady dog trot. Japanese, Italians, negroes, were likewise in that feeble procession, and over all was the scrape, scrape, scrape of trunks as their owners dragged them westward.

There were no complaints, no wailing against this heavy visitation of misfortune; every face was set with resignation, and every form labored manfully onward. For Neil there was something pitiful in the sight. And, as usual, the dogged spirit of the fugitives inspired him to similar effort.

"Neil!" It was his mother's voice calling him sharply. He turned back into the drawing-room, and met her there. She had two satchels, and he sprang forward to carry them for her. She refused him.

"So," said his mother sternly, "you were married to your low-born beauty yesterday! At one stroke you severed the ties that bound you to your family! Answer, and tell me whether I speak the truth. I hope I have been deceived, yet I have a conviction to the contrary."

Neil was astounded by his mother's words. Where had she learned of his marriage? He started with a wild hope. Had she, by some wonderful play of chance, met Beryl? And had Beryl told her?

"Mother, have you seen my wife? Where is she? Oh, tell me where!" She parried his eagerness with merciless eyes. A sigh of bitter disappointment burst from her lips.

"Then it is true," she said mechanically. "What a blow, what a grievous blow! Do you realize what you have done?" she cried. "You have made yourself a social outcast! Eunice Bartholdt, with her prestige, her millions, her love for you which only awaited the asking of her hand, would cut you dead on the street. You have broken my heart, Neil; your waywardness has broken my heart!"

She caught blindly at the satchels, and his heart smote him. Not because he had obeyed the dictates of his heart and wedded the girl he loved, but because of his mother's mistaken ideas and the sorrow they were causing her.

"Mother, mother," he exclaimed, "only to know my dearest Beryl is to love her! She is so good, so beautiful, so true that she would win you from your false notions of pride and blood. Besides, her family is as good as our own—"

"No more!" interrupted Mrs. Preston. "I forbid you singing her praises to me. The girl laid her plans well and won you in spite of us. You have made your choice and must abide by it. But not a penny of your father's fortune shall ever come to you. You were not brought up to be a working man," she added, with curling lip, "and love in a cottage will not turn out as you fondly imagine. When your bride—the word came with bitter emphasis—"finds you are penniless, she will not long remain to share your lot."

Neil's spirit quivered under the lash of his mother's tongue. His manhood-asserted itself, and he drew his tall form erect.

"I have married the woman I love," he answered, "the only woman I ever could love. I was reared a gentleman; I trust I can still keep the title, even though I am cut off from my patrimony and compelled to work. Honest toil is not degrading."

"I will have none of your heroics. Arthur is in front with his automobile, to carry me out of the city. Are you disposed to accompany us?"

"I cannot leave until I have found my wife! Will you not tell me where you saw her, where I can find her?"

"She called at this house last evening, and asked for news of you."

"Before—before I came, mother?" asked Neil hoarsely.

"After you came. You were asleep when I talked with her and sent her away."

"Asleep!" echoed Neil blankly. "I was under the same roof with her, and—Oh, merciful heavens, this is too much! Why did you not call me?" he harshly demanded. "If you were too heartless, why did not Arthur arouse me and tell me my darling was here?"

"Call me heartless, what you will," answered the mother bitterly. "I am glad to think I have not done the least thing to help on your mad infatuation for this pretty working girl—this penniless toiler who has dared to come between you and me."

"What did you tell her?" he asked, a threat in his voice and eyes. "It cannot be that pride has turned your heart to stone? Surely you did not send her away without one little word of hope?"

"She got no word of hope from me, the insolent creature! I told her—"

"Mother! You are speaking about my wife, and I will not listen to the terms you use, for they are cruel and unjust. You are deliberately wounding me!"

Anger rose fiercely into the proud face. "And have you not wounded me, young man?" the mother sharply demanded. "You have made your own bed, and must lie in it. Go, and never let me see your face again!"

Those awful words struck him to the soul. "You—you cannot mean that!" he finally whispered.

"I mean every word of it! I thank Providence that I have still your brother Morley to lean upon in my declining years. Go with your working-girl wife; and when your friends turn from you with contempt, and the doors of the best society are closed in your face, remember that you have only yourself to blame! Leave me! I have suffered enough!"

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aloes to the finger nails. This is very bitter, and will  
prevent you from biting your nails, in consequence of  
the taste. You might also try five-grain doses of bro-  
mide of soda morning and night, to counteract your  
nervous tendency.

Mrs. M. J. Axtel, Ky.—COMFORT does not publish  
sure cures for anything, especially a sure cure for epi-  
lepsy. As stated in COMFORT, this disease is incurable.

Mrs. W. E. C. West Columbia, Texas.—For reducing  
your flesh, exercise moderately, and on alternate days  
drink one quart of skimmed milk in divided doses—  
one glass in the morning, one at noon, one at four  
o'clock and the last glass at night. Of course, at all  
times avoid sweets, potatoes, etc., and eat such vegeta-  
bles as spinach, lettuce, celery. Drink plenty of good  
water.

Miss M. T. Oregon, Ill.—You have answered your  
question in your letter. You mean neurosis. This is  
inflammation of the nerves. Possibly your trouble is of  
malarial origin; if so, you should take some quinine  
pills three times a day. Also rub the inflamed parts  
with some stimulating liniment—such as the official  
"Army Liniment," so-called.

Mrs. J. D. S., Greenboro, N. C.—You probably have  
muscular rheumatism. Try ironing the back with a  
hot flatiron. First wring out three or four thicknesses  
of flannel in mustard water, apply the flannel to the  
back and then have some one apply the iron until the  
back is well steamed. You may have myocarditis and  
this would cause your heart attacks. For the whitish  
discharge, try a teaspoonful of table salt to the quart  
of water as a douche.

Mrs. V. B. J., Kingman, Arizona.—The lumps on the  
back of your husband's neck are no doubt enlargement  
of the lymphatic glands. He probably has been eating  
too much red meat. A meat free diet, including eggs,  
will help him. He should also paint the "lumps"  
every other day with tincture of iodine. Internally, he  
should use five drops of a saturated solution of iodide  
of potassium, well diluted, after meals.

Mrs. L. A. D., Falkville, Ala.—Maybe the irregu-  
larity of your daughter, as to her periods, is due to  
anemia; if so, Basham's mixture is indicated, in table-  
spoonful doses after meals, well diluted. In case she  
has malaria, which frequently causes irregularity, use  
two-grain quinine pills, three times a day, after meals.  
In any case, treat the cause, and omit a local examina-  
tion, at least until you have tried the above remedies.

Mrs. W. B. C., Floydale, Texas.—You can get the  
ovarian tablets at any good wholesale druggist. Have  
your family doctor write to some good wholesale druggist  
and get them for you.

Mrs. W. S. V., Pioneer, La.—Your sty, which is  
not a sty but a chalazion, must be removed by operation.  
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eyes examined for eyeglasses at the same time.

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simple remedy for "bed-wetting." It is one of the  
most persistent and difficult troubles to handle known  
to the medical profession. Petu-trin extract is the last  
and best suggestion along this line. This remedy can  
only be used on the advice of your local doctor.

### Comfort's League of Cousins

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He is in much the same condition that the son of  
parents who have placed unreasonable hardships on him  
and restrictions round him and by so doing have bred  
in him a spirit of revenge which shows itself as soon  
as he is of age and realizes he is free. He demon-  
strates his freedom by raising a little hell but  
in time he sees the folly of it and cools down and be-  
comes a good citizen. That is about the condition of  
the laboring world. What is needed from you is advice  
and counsel to assist in solving him up and bringing  
him back to a sense of his responsibility and a normal  
state of mind and not opposition and harsh criticism.  
W. S. HURST.

Bill, yours is a delightful letter and shows the  
spirit of a real man, but, alas, you have not got  
the right viewpoint regarding the situation on  
which you write. The young laboring giant you  
speak of (and I am part of him and belong to  
his class, and for my part work twice as hard  
and twice as long as he ever does or ever will  
do) is not open to advice from any quarter ex-  
cept that of the red-eyed radical. His parents  
restricted him, as wise parents should restrict  
their children because they know the evil pas-  
sions that are in them, and he is drunk, not  
with freedom but with license. He is intoxicated  
with the vision of a world which he will domi-  
nate, a workless world, where crops, bridges rail-  
roads, locomotives, yachts and automobiles (es-  
pecially the automobiles for he will have a string  
of them tied round his neck, and a dozen or two  
in each pocket) will all spring into existence by  
just wishing for them or by issuing an order  
which will be handed to a commissioner, who in  
turn will hand it to a clerk who will politely  
pass it on to the office boy, who will present it  
to the office cat, who will drop it into the waste-  
basket and make a sofa pillow of it. Oh, it's  
a great life if you don't weaken, a great dream  
if you don't wake up. As for advice! Ye gods,  
I have handed it out by the bushel and I have  
been rewarded with insults for my pains. I told  
you years ago if labor acted sanely and sensibly,  
after its mighty arm had won this war, that it  
could get almost anything it wanted, within  
reason, then I was spat on and accused of being  
in the pay of Morgan and Rockefeller. Our so-  
cial fabric is a complex and delicate thing, and  
it must be still fresh in your mind that I im-  
plored labor to heed the sign visible on all old  
bridges to "Walk your horses!" But the radical  
element (and it is always the radical theotheds  
who get control and lead the more conservative  
men of your type round by the nose) insist on  
galloping over the bridge, smashing it to pieces,  
and letting the whole fabric of society plunge  
into the abyss below. Your young man, unfortu-  
nately, does not want to sober up, he wants to  
stay wild, and, what is more, instead of ap-  
preciating the care his parents have taken of him,  
he is waiting a chance to beat them up. Today  
we do not want any top dogs or underdogs, we  
do not want to be bitten from below or ham-  
mered from above. A new spirit had come into  
the world, and it was a good, brotherly spirit. It  
was the spirit of live and let live, of give and  
take, and take and give. To a sane, sensible,

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reasonable, loyal and honest man, can be granted  
anything within reason, and I fondly hoped our  
young laboring giant was the type of man who  
visualized this fact. But, alas, he got into bad  
company, began drinking wood alcohol and lost  
his vision. He refused the advice of his con-  
servative leaders. He realized his strength and  
started out to demonstrate the driving power of  
his new six-cylinder engine, without knowing how  
to use it, and he was determined to use it if he  
brought all creation down into the abyss on top  
of him. The result was that those who by su-  
perior intelligence and initiative controlled a busi-  
ness, big or small, were afraid to go ahead in  
their enterprises. There was much they wanted  
to do but when they gazed at the young giant  
and saw he was ugly, vicious and drunk with  
power, and that behind him were a gang of clever,  
red-eyed, scheming rascals urging him to deeds  
of violence, both Mr. Mild-eyed employer and  
Mr. Hard-boiled employer got scared. They saw  
that the man who had saved them now wanted  
to destroy them, so they just closed their office  
doors and phoned for the police, and that is just  
about all any man or set of men can do when  
they are dealing with a case of wood alcohol  
jag. Now if the young giant would really sober  
up and stay sober, produce instead of loaf, win  
back the confidence of those who do want to help  
him, purge his body and mind of the poison that  
has been injected into it by the glib-tongued agi-  
tators who would exploit him a thousand times  
more than he has ever been exploited in the past,  
then we'll jog along the middle course that will  
bring peace, prosperity and happiness to all.  
Your picture of the young man looking for re-  
venge is about the worst possible picture any  
man could draw, and should you bring that pic-  
ture near me I'd put my foot through it. You  
cannot build a safe and sane world while domi-  
nated by a spirit of ugliness, envy and revenge.  
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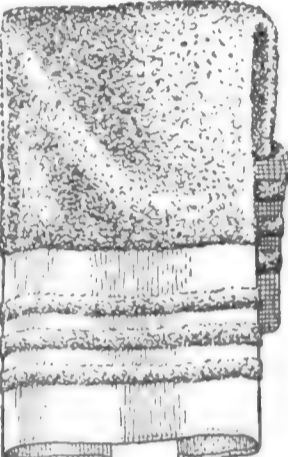
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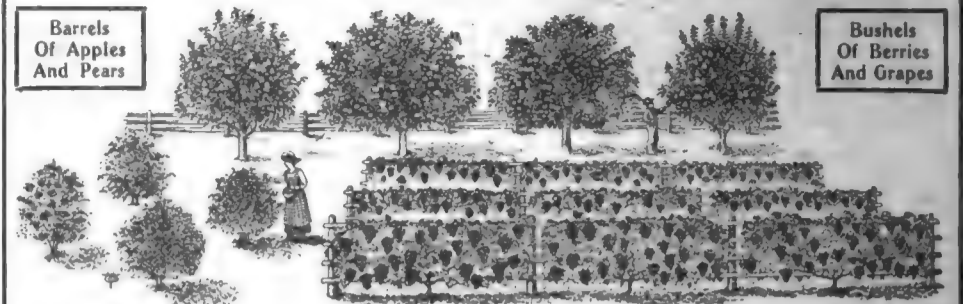
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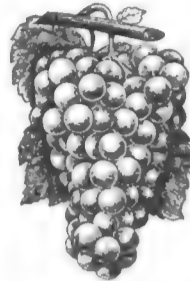
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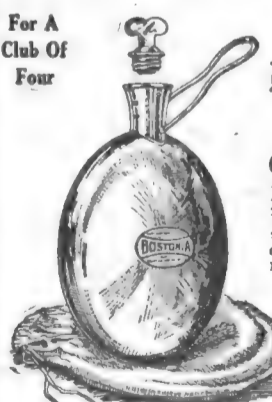
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## Profit in Keeping Bees

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comb. It was built on a full sheet of foundation. The frame was wired with four horizontal wires; each was firmly embedded in the foundation. Observe that the comb is built out to the wood all around and that there is no drone comb. All cells are of the worker size. Try to get all combs like this one. Full sheets are better also in sections. However, those who buy supers nailed up and painted and fitted with sections, will have to be satisfied with starters, as full sheets in sections do not ship well.

And now about the problem of making a success, making the bees pay. It can be summed up in a few words. Keep all colonies strong all the time. This involves a good many problems which will have to be dealt with separately. If you can keep colonies strong in the summer, that is, have strong colonies for the honey flow. If you can keep colonies strong in the summer, that is, prevent them from splitting up into swarms, you will get a good crop. If you go through the summer and fall with strong colonies you will carry your bees into the winter months in good condition; and if you carry them through the winter, still strong, they will be ready to build up rapidly for the honey flow again. Keep this idea fixed in your mind at all times and it will assist, immensely, in making a success.

"How much can I make out of a colony of bees?" This is a hard question to answer. Locations differ, seasons differ, and beekeepers differ. Four or five miles sometimes makes all the difference between a good and a bad location. Seasons vary all the way from scanty to copious honey flows; and every one acquainted with the facts knows that one beekeeper may make a success in a poor location while another will make a failure in a good location. In a general way it may be said that a colony of bees should give a return of \$10.

"Is there very much labor connected with beekeeping?" When the number of colonies is small—half a dozen or so—there is no labor. It is simply pastime, if one is a real beekeeper. But if the number of colonies runs up to 150 or 200, there is a good deal of work. And yet a knowledge of the business enables one to eliminate a large amount of work. Thus, in my own case, from ten to fifteen trips, remaining from one-half day to two days, are all that are necessary for the care of an out-apiary for an entire year. The variation is determined by the peculiarity of the season. In June and July, trips are made every ten days. This is the busiest time of the year.

## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Put celery in glass jars, air tight. Set in a cool place and it will keep fresh and crisp.

Salt thrown on a coal fire when broiling steak will prevent blazing from the dripping fat.

### Requests

Will someone send me the September, October, November and December numbers of COMFORT?—VERA CARLETON, Star City, Ark.

Miss Roena Hemphill, Montezuma, Georgia, would like the June, 1917, number of Needlecraft. Will return as soon as read if desired.

Would like to read book, "The Shadow of the Cross." Will someone loan it to me or tell me where I can secure a copy?—NENA PRINCE, Luray, Va.

Will someone please send me the book, "The Hidden Hand." Will return book and pay postage. Write first.—MISS HAZEL HILL, Echo, R. R. 1, Box 50, Pa.

I would like to have the song, "Dark Eyes," which begins: "When dawn awakes the Eastern skies, and the Oriental zephyrs kiss the sea."—FLORENCE MILLER, Parkman, La.

Will someone please send me the December, 1919, issue of Illustrated Companion. Will return paper and

postage. Write first. Also book, "St. Elmo."—JESSIE M. CHANDLER, Pleasantville, Tenn.

### Remedies

ECZEMA.—Boil one cup of sassafras bark and one quart of hot water twenty minutes; drain. To one half cup of the tea add one tablespoon of pure lard and let simmer on back of stove until water is evaporated. Then put in cold cream jar. Wash affected parts three or four times a day and let it dry, then apply the salve.—MRS. MARY K., Kansas.

INGROWING NAILS.—Nearly thirty years ago I worked as general utility man in a small hotel. Part of my work was to keep things clean. One time while scrubbing the kitchen floor with hot and strong lye water I went at it barefooted and the next day I discovered that all the nails on my feet were bent up and I've never been troubled with ingrowing nails since.—F. W. K., Texas.

COLD.—To loosen cold in throat or lungs, beat one egg in a coffee cup and fill cup with boiling milk and drink as hot as possible.—Mrs. H. F. R., Hutchinson, Minn.

GOITRE.—Make a sack from flour sack muslin, fill with table salt, dampen one side and put damp side to goitre, every night until cured. Tie a dry cloth over damp part. No change will be noticed if goitre is large for three months, then on measuring after that a change will be noticed with little tissue paper like wrinkles over the growth. Keep on and the change will be more rapid from then. Don't discontinue the treatment for one year for large goitres, even though the neck has become normal as it may start to grow again. I made my sacks a dozen at a time, as they become very hard and uncomfortable. As the salt would get into a pile in one end I quilted lines across the sack and filled each space with salt. This keeps the salt evenly distributed over the neck. Rub a little vaseline on throat if it gets rough. This will relieve the choking sensation very soon.—COMFORT SISTER, Portland, Oregon.



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# How Signs Of Old Age Creep Into Your System When The Iron In Your Blood Runs Low

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## IRON IS THE RED BLOOD FOOD

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Old age has already sunk its talons into thousands of men and women who ought still to be enjoying the spring-time and summer of life simply because they have allowed worry, overwork, nervous strain, dissipation and occupational poison to sap the iron from their blood and thereby destroy its power to change food into living tissue, muscle and brain. You will find plenty of people at 40 who are broken in health and steadily going downward to physical and mental decay while others at 50 are strong, active, alert and seemingly growing younger every year. One class withers and dies like leaves in autumn while the other by keeping up a strong power of resistance against disease may pass the three score and ten mark with surprising health, strength and vigor. But you cannot expect to look and feel young and vigorous unless you have plenty of iron in your blood, and physicians explain below why they prescribe organic iron—Nuxated Iron—to supply the iron deficiency in the weak, nervous, and run-down so as to build them up into stronger, healthier men and women.

"Many a man and woman who ought still to be young in feeling is losing the old-time vim and energy that makes life worth living simply because their blood is starving for want of iron," says Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly Physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), New York, and the Westchester County Hospital. "Thousands are ageing and breaking down at a time when they should be enjoying perfect health because anaemia—lack of iron in the blood—has fastened its grip on them and is sapping their strength, vitality and energy. But in my opinion you can't make strong, keen, forceful men and healthy rosy-cheeked women by feeding them on metallic iron. The old forms of metallic iron must go through a digestive process to transform them into organic iron—Nuxated Iron—before they are ready to be taken up and assimilated by the human system. I strongly advise readers in all cases to get a physician's prescription for organic iron—Nuxated Iron—or if you don't want to go to this trouble then purchase Nuxated Iron in its original packages and see that this particular name (Nuxated Iron) appears on the package. If you have taken preparations such as Nux and Iron and other similar iron products and failed to get results, remember that such products are an entirely different thing from Nuxated Iron."



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### Preventing Harness Sores

**W**ERE owners more careful to have collars and other parts of the harness fit properly and then keep them clean, smooth and dry, collar galls and other sores would be comparatively rare. Better buy and fit properly a new collar for a new bought or broken-in horse or colt than try to fit the old, worn, rough collar that has been "handed down for generations." The harnessmaker is best able to fit a collar. He will advise wetting the leather with hot water to soften it before placing the collar upon the neck and then to mould it perfectly to the neck and shoulders. Some simply put on a wet collar and let it dry in place, but that is not sufficient. Moulding the collar to place is necessary. To toughen the shoulders for spring and summer work it is well to bathe them two or three times daily with cold, soft water containing half an ounce of tannic or gallic acid to the gallon; or a tablespoonful of powdered alum to the quart. A strong tea of white oak bark is popular for this purpose with many practical farmers. During the days of hard, hot work in the fields, bathe the shoulders, neck and other parts irritated by the harness, with soft cold water containing a heaping teaspoonful of table salt to the quart. Raise the collar and allow air to play between it and the skin every time the horse stops when at work. Remove the harness at noon, unless that is absolutely impossible. Cleanse the collar and set it in the sun to dry at the noon hour. Keep it smooth. Hair, dandruff and sweat collecting upon the bearing surface of the collar cause sores. If the shoulders are a bit sore, dust the inner surface of the collar with talcum powder before use. Do not clip hair from the neck where the collar rides if the skin is seen to be sore. Have the collar properly adjusted with the hame strap and if necessary use a new, smooth collar pad of leather or zinc. To sore necks apply twice daily a lotion composed of two ounces of tincture of iodine and six ounces of extract of witch-hazel. Use this on all lumps caused by harness. A good gall ointment is made by mixing together one dram each of iodoform, tannic acid and boric acid to the ounce of lard. If iodoform is objectionable on account of smell, substitute calomel or subnitrate of bismuth. "White lotion" composed of one ounce of sugar of lead and six drams of sulphate of zinc in a pint of soft water is most popular for surface sores and wounds. Label the bottle "poison" and shake it well before use. This lotion also is excellent for barb wire wounds that do not cut deeply. If a large, hard, round, sore lump forms on the shoulder under the collar, a deep-seated abscess is present and the pus will have to be liberated by a veterinarian. External treatment will not suffice. A dead, horny

"island" of skin usually is present in a chronic sore, where the collar rides. It is termed a "sit-fast" and must be cut out before healing can take place. Afterward use white lotion two or three times a day.

**BOTS.**—Please inform me the best treatment for bots in a horse's stomach. W. L. A.—Bots are present in the stomach of practically every horse that has grazed during the previous grass season and seldom if ever cause noticeable ill effects. In a few instances they may cause ill-thrift and when passing out of the body in spring and early summer they sometimes hook onto the lining of the rectum and cause irritation. Prevention is of most importance and consists in removing the nits from the long hairs of the legs and breast by singeing, clipping or wetting with a five per cent solution of coal tar dip as often as seems to be necessary. A veterinarian may be employed to administer capsules containing bisulphid of carbon, if bots are known to be doing harm.

**INJURED STIFLE.**—My colt, one year old, slipped down and hurt one of his hind legs in the joint. After the lameness and swelling was gone, it left an enlargement just above the joint. What can I do to reduce it? J. E. B.

A.—We should advise you to treat this condition with a proprietary reducing lotion which you can buy at a drug store; or rub in 10 per cent iodine vasogen or petrogen twice daily.

**SWINE PLAGUE.**—Please tell me what is the matter with my hogs. They began to cough and some would vomit green frothy foam. In about three days they began to thump and later die. Upon examination I found that the lungs were completely decayed. D. K.

A.—Your hogs have died of swine plague (hemorrhagic septicemia) and this might have been prevented, with a fair degree of success, by vaccination. You should have a veterinarian show you how to cleanse, disinfect and whitewash the houses and pens. Then he should vaccinate any new hogs you put in those quarters. It would be better still to provide new quarters on new ground.

**POINTING OF FEET.**—What ails my mare? She sets out her front feet and stretches back as if something hurt her, otherwise she seems all right. I feed her hay and oats when she is working. Mrs. J. V. W.

A.—Such "pointing" of both fore feet usually is a symptom of founder, in which disease the horse is excessively lame and is liable to remain so. The hind feet are advanced under the body in founder. If the mare is not lame and does not advance her hind feet under her body when the fore feet are advanced, she probably stretches on account of constipation or irritation of the kidneys from indigestion. Allow her a rompy box-stall, work her or give her exercise every day and keep her bowels active.

### Comfort's League of Cousins

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#### League Shut-in and Mercy Work for April

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

Written references from doctor and postmaster must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Appeals unaccompanied by written references will be destroyed.

Priscilla Tillery, Elm City, N. C. Invalid for many years. No means of support. Send her a greenback shower. Mrs. Alice Stacey, R. R. 3, Dalton, Ga. Invalid, 57 years of age. Widow with one son who is helpless and unable to work. She would be grateful for a dime shower, also second-hand clothing. Fred W. Blizell, Newton Grove, N. C. Helpless from rheumatism for 21 years. Lovely character. Well recommended. Open your hearts and pocketbooks and extend to him a helping hand. Miss Sarah Ruth Deal, Stuart, Va. Shut-in. Alone in the world. Helpless and needy. Send her some of the sympathy that buys bread. James D. Lively, R. R. 1, Box 84, Liberty Hill, Tenn. Helpless shut-in. Depends on father for support and he is old and sick. Highly recommended. Send him a greenback shower. Mrs. S. P. Mitchell, Dawson, Ala. Widow. Has tuberculosis. Her daughter, aged sixteen, her only support. Send her some substantial cheer. Well recommended. Rosa E. Joyce, R. R. 1, Box 57, Spencer, Va. Invalid for many years. Needy and worthy. Send her a dime shower. Charles Kerr, Buffalo, Ill. Helplessly crippled for more than five years. Unable to work. Well recommended. Send him some cheer. Mrs. Rachel Ealdeman, Hillsville, Va. Seventy years of age. Would appreciate quilt pieces.

Here is a chance for you to do good, a chance to lay up treasure in heaven where no Bolshevik can swipe it. The Christianity that is worth while consists in helping others. If you don't help others, you are a mighty fine hypocrite but you are no Christian. Help me in this work.

Lovingly yours,

Uncle Charlie

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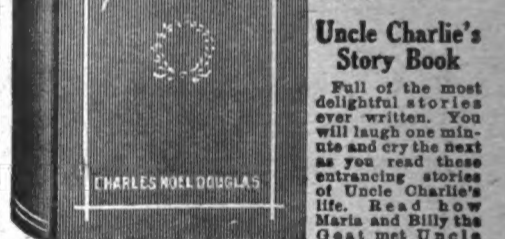
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## Six Wheel Chairs in March

549 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

Our March distribution of wheel chairs makes a gain of one over the February distribution. That is good news, considering the adverse weather conditions. Let us all pull together and try to boost the April wheel chairs up another notch to seven for the month.

The six March chairs go to Thomas Henry Williams, Rear 738 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio, 139; Harold Stewart, 540 Madison Ave., Kansas City, Mo., 138; Dewey Beldon Adams, R. 3, Springfield, Tenn., 92; Clifford Brown, Avant, Okla., 81; John Bailey, Duffan, Texas, 81; Ray White, Milam, Texas, 78.

The figures after their names indicate the number of subscriptions sent in by them or by their friends for them.

Thomas Henry Williams, age three years and nine months, had infantile paralysis when sixteen months old, which left him crippled in both legs.

Harold Stewart, age 10, was crippled in both legs by an injury to spine and hip three years ago caused by rough treatment by another boy.

Dewey Beldon Adams, age 21, has been almost totally helpless the past eight years, caused by epilepsy. His mother writes that she is very desirous of obtaining the wheel chair to cheer him up, as he is so helpless that he can not get about the house and never able to go out of doors. Also it will be a great help to her in caring for him.

Clifford Brown, age 10, a helpless cripple from birth, so helpless that he has to be waited on like an infant. He is getting heavy to be carried about, and the wheel chair will be a help in caring for him.

John Bailey, age 4, is a brave little sufferer from tuberculosis of the hip with which he has been afflicted the past two years and by which he has become permanently crippled.

Ray White, age 12, another entirely helpless little cripple who is much in need of a wheel chair.

This is an aggregation of especially pitiful cases, mostly those of children

whose young Wes have been blighted at such an early age that they have never known the common joys of childhood.

Our waiting list are many whose condition and need are equally distressing. Lend a helping hand to provide some of them with much needed wheel chairs.

You will be interested in the Roll of Honor. Try to get your name in our own Roll of Honor next month.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. GANNETT,

Publisher of COMFORT.

P. S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 150 one-year subscriptions to COMFORT, at 50 cents each, sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some needy crippled child and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do any part a little faster each month than you do yours.

## COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions, or a dollar or more in money, to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

Mrs. Roy Davidson, Texas, for Ray White, 73; Mrs. Kolland B. Dorris, Tenn., for Dewey B. Adams, 73; J. E. Stewart, Missouri, for Harold Stewart, 63; Mrs. Alice McCrory, Miss., for Mrs. Kiziah Scuggs, 68; Mrs. Mary Stewart, Missouri, for Harold Stewart, 37 subs and \$3.25 cash; Mr. Garnon, Ohio, for Thomas Williams, 26; John Herman Adams, Va., for own wheel chair, 25; Mrs. Sada Cotman, Ark., for own, 23 subs and \$4.50 cash;

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